

Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the rest is in the hands of G-d.

### Pres. George Washington

This year, we are blessed in the month of February because in such a

short month, 28 days, we have 3 celebrations, Tu B'Shvat February 10-11, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday February 12 and George Washington's Birthday February 22. Now, I know several years ago, the Congress decided to combine those two President's birthdays into one day celebrating all the Presidents, but truthfully some of our Presidents did not do for our country what these two did. But more about them later.

Tu B'Shvat, the New Year of the Trees, is celebrated in the midst of winter. Cold. rain and even snow has come to Southern California this year and yet we think of trees, fruits and vegetables. Why do we do this? We celebrate Tu B'Shvat now because we have hope. Hope in the face of Adversity. We know that G-d will bring us nourishment in the form of vegetative life. We must do our part, too. We plant the seeds, feed them water and vitamins and watch over them to make them safe. Our faith in seeing our goals met is what gives us our energy to begin the tasks we have to do.

Such it is with our Temple. We need to first of all have faith that this wonderful place will continue to grow. We must channel that faith into activities

Happy Tu B'Shvat!



Pizza Night is on the first Friday of each month at 6:00 PM, followed by the Family Shabbat Service at 7:00 PM. This month Pizza Night and Family Service is on February 3rd. Please call the



Temple Office or Barbara Bolter to reserve your dinner by Wednesday of the week you plan to attend. (See our ad on Page 11.)

We have opened our Early **Childhood Center! Enrollment** is still open! (See commentary from our Preschool Director,



Elaine Rosenfield on pages 6 & 7 and Photos on Page 8.)

Please see our ad regarding a special offer from our own Temple Beth Emet Library on page 17 of this issue.

Our Adult Education series is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month through March. This month it is on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 PM in Blum Hall. Please see Page 5 for future dates and topics. All are welcome. Donations are requested.

Rabbi Mark is a regular contributor to the In Theory column, which appears in the Burbank Leader in print and online at:

ttp://www.burbankleader.com/opinion/

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# Temple Beth Emet (House Of Truth) ORGANIZATION

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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The office is closed in observance of<br/>the following holidays:<br/>New Year's Day, President's Day,<br/>First day of Pesach, Memorial Day,<br/>Independence Day, Rosh Hashanah,<br/>Yom Kippur, ThanksgivingCall the Temple office at (818) 843-4787 to<br/>contact Temple Staff/volunteers.<br/>Your message will be forwarded to the<br/>appropriate person.

### **CHAI TIMES**

**Chai Times** is the free, monthly newsletter of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank, delivered by email to members and available at www.TempleBethEmet.com.

Mailed hardcopies are available for an 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:

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

The Temple Beth Emet Congregation extends their deepest sympathy and condolences to George Davis' [Z'L] family. George passed away on January 5th, 2017. Rest in peace.

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 🛣

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - February 2017 "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them." Exodus 25:8

If you look around the sanctuary at Temple Beth Emet you will see several items made by the hands of George Davis - a Torah stand, a Cantor's podium, and Rabbi's Torah reading table, a repurposed drafting table that can be raised or lowered to accommodate B'nae Mitzvot of all heights. George was a long time member of our family and at one time served as a director. George passed away last month, but because he contributed to our community, both by his labor and his presence, a part of him will always be at our Temple and in our hearts.

When you become involved with an organization, rather than just being a member, you become personally invested in what it is and what it will become. You take ownership of the organization and take pride in it, just as you might take pride in a garment you have constructed, a meal you have cooked, a painting you created. Even fixing something around the house increased your feeling that the house is yours.

When I was in junior high school my family moved to Anaheim. My older brother Bob was already attending college, and this new house was just someplace he spent breaks from school. It wasn't until he helped my father repair a broken water pipe and dug out a patch of ivy that the house became his home. Something in which we invest our blood, sweat, and tears takes on a profound value to us.

George Davis not only responded to the call to contribute and take ownership, he saw things that needed attention and addressed the need. He applied his skills and indulged in his passion, and Temple Beth Emet was better as a result.

Rabbi Mark or The Board can ask for help from the Temple family to address needs that arise from time to time, but the best things that happen around here are things members bring to us. Things like the Children's Services at the High Holidays, our book club, Pizza Night and Family Shabbat Services, are all ideas suggested by and brought to fruition by members of our community. In the past, there have been Yiddish classes and a singles group led by people interested in having them.

Even our Temple Beth Emet Choir is entirely made up of volunteers. Amy Belilov, Jackie DesChamps, Kathy Kreyns, Jeannie Mintz, Warren Potter, Theida Salazar, and Dana Sapper, all gave their time and skills to add artistry and beauty to our 5777 High Holiday worship. Frank Watnick volunteered his talents vocally and on violin as well.

Those who are part of the Temple family not only have a right to suggest programs and services to meet their needs we have the obligation to do so and to help those ideas become reality. The Temple belongs to all of us, and we all need to take ownership of it.

We also need to invite others to join our community. Not only should we share our experiences with those we know, we need to invite them to visit -- just visit. We all know that people who come to visit us are pleasantly surprised by what they find, and many will choose to stay. So if you know a Jewish person or family, invite them to visit. Don't even try to figure out if they will like us or not, let them decide for themselves. Invite them. Offer to drive them. **Be a noodge!** Sometimes people a reluctant to try something new, but once they do, it becomes their new favorite thing. That goes for getting more involved ourselves! We may be reluctant to "get our hands dirty" at Temple, but I can tell you from experience, once we do, it can become our new favorite thing.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN





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that will help it grow. We must think in the box and out of the box, involving our members and other members, but one thing we cannot do is to reject out right anyone else's ideas to improve our House of Truth.

One thing is always true about this "House of Truth," it is populated by people with many different ideas about what makes for a place of Shalom, (fulfillment). As the most beautiful trees have the most branches, so should our Temple Beth Emet tree have a multitude of branches leaves and fruit all stemming from our work and our old and new ideas.

After Tu B'Shvat comes the birthdays of two great presidents, but no two people could be more different. George Washington was born in Virginia, one of the original 13 colonies, Abraham Lincoln in the territory of Illinois before it became a state. Abraham Lincoln fought against Slavery, George Washington owned slaves. George Washington was one of the wealthiest men in the original 13 colonies, Abraham Lincoln, by today's standards, would be considered poor to lower middle class, However, they were united in their commitment to making the Union, that is the United States, work. George Washington, rightly so, can be called the Father of the Constitution, Abraham Lincoln, Father of the Emancipation Proclamation. Both fought in Civil Wars, so they knew the cost of violence against ideas and ideals. George Washington gives us Guidance, "A man's *intentions* should be allowed in some respects to plead for his actions." And Abraham Lincoln reminds us how to treat even those we may strongly disagree with when he said, "Malice toward none, charity toward all."

The celebration of Tu B'Shvat reminds us that, if we plant the seeds of ideas, even when we may receive cool to cold responses, we must have faith that these seeds will blossom into a Temple that nourishes all our senses and feeds us the food of G-dliness. Let the spring bloom with the aroma of new ideas cooking in our minds and in our actions and in our individual uniqueness.

Furthermore, the birthdays of our Presidents remind us that the greatest place on Earth, America, is made up of people from very different backgrounds, creeds and beliefs who, in their actions, have created the most unique place our people has ever known and has made that place our home. Can we do less for our congregation than make for them a true home where they can be free to share their truths? I think not, no, I know not !!!!

Planting true seeds of Ahava,

Rabbi Mark







# EDUCATION MATTERS - RSPA President, DAVID GOLDSTEIN 🏠

After a well-deserved Winter break our Religious School Students resumed their studies on January 8th and are looking forward to a Winter and Spring full of learning and fun activities. The students will be observing the holiday of Tu B'Shvat on February 5th and each class will receive a basket of fruits, representative of the holiday, courtesy of the members of our Parents Association. Also, coming up on the afternoon of February 5th, Temple Beth Emet will be joining with the 2 other Burbank congregations to observe the Spring Holidays at the Stough Canyon Nature Center, in a program which is being sponsore



Spring Holidays at the Stough Canyon Nature Center, in a program which is being sponsored by the Jewish Federation. We hope you can all attend. Other Spring activities are being planned by our Parents Association, including a brunch for our Religious School Parents, Men's Club and other Temple organizations on March 5th and a possible Religious School field trip during the month of May.

Our Adult Education Series continues through the month of March. Our January class focused on "Life's Unique Purpose." Please join us for our next class on February 21st, when the Rabbi will be discussing "Power of Speech." These thought provoking classes are open to all Temple members, as well as any other interested members of the community. The classes begin at 7:00 PM and there is a requested donation of just \$5 per class. We hope you will join us.

We are contemplating offering an Adult Education class in the daytime, taught by Rabbi Mark Sobel! If this is something that might interest you, please let us know if you are interested in attending a daytime class at Temple by contacting the Temple Office.

There will be more information about this possible addition to our offered educational opportunities in the March issue of the Chai Times.

A Place for Learning ADULT EDUCATION SERIES 2016-2017				
What does Judaism say about ? A 5 part series presented by Rabbi Mark H. Sobel				
	February 21 - Power of Speech			
	March 21 - Are We Meant To Be Perfect?			
THE SERIES IS FREE OF CHARGE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, DONATIONS SUGGESTED. CONTACT THE TEMPLE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.				

This is a re-print of a Weekly Update of January 6, 2017 sent to TBE's preschool families. Each morning at arrival time and then again each afternoon, I stand at the door leading to the parking lot to greet and welcome our friends. I often think, as I watch them getting out of their cars and later, back in - carrying their preschooler and/or a younger baby, backpack, lunchbox, phone, and maybe a toy or two...did they EVER think it would take them SO LONG to do a simple thing as get in and out of a car?! How much their lives have changed and what an amazing journey they have now begun.

OOL BUS

I love this article...we've all been on one side or the other... probably both! Apologies To The Parents I Judged Four Years Ago -Kara Gebhart Uhl

**To the Parents I Knew Four Years Ago:** I'm Sorry I have come to realize many things since having three children. For example, I now know that I can read "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" seven times in a row without going insane. No matter what people say, throw-up is throw-up and I don't care if it is my daughter who is throwing up but her throw-up makes me want to throw up. I am a really fast diaper changer. And it's true: love does not split, but grows with additional children.

But perhaps one of the biggest realizations I've made as a relatively new parent (my daughter turns 4 in March, my twin boys turn 2 in May) is how incredibly judgmental I was pre-children.

You, the woman at Kohl's who pushed a cart with your screaming toddler draped on the rack underneath it, ignoring her as she scraped her feet on the floor because she couldn't have the toy she wanted: I judged you. Girlfriend with children who had Nick Jr. on the entire time I visited: I judged you.

Parent at the park who did not pack an organic, free-range, all-food-groups-represented, no-dessert lunch complete with sandwiches cut in cute little shapes, who instead fed your children chicken nuggets, cold French fries and (gasp) chocolate milk? I judged you.

Not out loud, of course. But internally, I was smug. I thought things like *I would never have children who would behave in such a manner in public*. Or, *Doesn't she know the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no TV until the age of 2*? Or, *How can he possibly be feeding his children that crap? Has he not read any of Michael Pollan's books?* 

And what's worse, now that I'm a parent, I realize internal smugness isn't so internal. As a parent, I know when I'm being judged. I can sense it, even when nothing is being said out loud. It's in the look. The double-take. The whisper to the companion they're with.

It's hard not to care about what other people think. But still, that quiet judgment can sting, especially on days when my nerves are shot and my children are in the worst moods -- a combination that often leads to a situation judge-worthy by many.

But now, as a parent, I do things judge-worthy even when my children are being good. Last Thursday is a perfect example: My son had a physical therapy appointment a good half-hour drive away. On the way back from the appointment both of my boys fell asleep -- we had eaten lunch out, complete with Oreo cookies and Popsicles for dessert, (judge!) after the appointment and it was close to their naptime. Of course they fell asleep. My daughter, however, who has long given up naps (!), was still awake.

When I pulled into my driveway, I had two choices: Wake up the boys and deal with their short tempers having only slept for 25 minutes, or sit in the van with them while they slept, bribing my daughter with apps on my iPod and promises of candy once inside if she would just sit and be quiet for a half hour longer (!). I chose option B without blinking. And I left the car running (!) the entire time.



When the boys woke up, they were furious because of the cricks in their necks -- thanks to the car seats we bought without good head support to the side simply because they were cheaper (!). My daughter was at her wit's end with being trapped in a car seat in a car that wasn't going anywhere just because I wanted some peace and quiet (!). I took everyone inside, plopped them on the couch, got out some gummy candy and turned on "Little Bear." Two episodes. (!!)

Pre-children:	I was going to cloth diaper.
Post-children:	I did with my daughter, sort of, but not with my twins.
Pre-children:	No TV until age of 2 and then only 30 minutes a day.
Post-children:	Ha.
Pre-children:	Only organic, healthy, homemade food.
Post-children:	My kids love Wendy's.
Pre-children:	Public tantrums are unacceptable.
Post-children:	Removal of the child is only sometimes doable; predicting when a tantrum is going to strike is often impossible.
Pre-children:	Complaints about childrearing and its hardships annoyed me (this was your choice, no?) and saddened me (parenthood is supposed to be a wonderful thing!).
Post-children:	Parenthood isn't wonderful 100 percent of the time.

My day-to-day routine isn't what I envisioned it would be four years ago. Some of the things I imagine I'm judged on now are minor, others, a little more major. But mostly they are simple faults and I now know that they don't make me a bad parent. Sometimes I leave dirty diapers on the changing table. My children's socks don't always match. I forget to brush my daughter's hair. I use TV as a way to take a breather. I utilize the fast-food drive-thru. I bribe. I'm sometimes too easy. I'm sometimes too hard. I sometimes make the wrong decision, give the wrong punishment, ask too much, ask too little. But within all these minor and major faults is a singular truth: Most days, I'm doing the best I can. And I honestly believe that's a truth that can be applied to most parents: Most days, we're all doing the best we can.

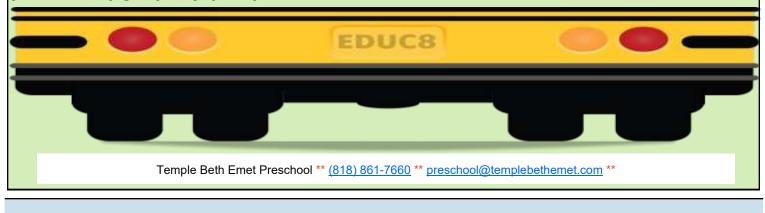
Because here's another realization I've made as a parent: Everyone's situation is different. There is a story behind every action and inaction. Every parent has his or her own style. Every child has his or her own temperament. What might be a stellar day for my family has been a downright awful day for another -- perhaps the parent's job is in danger, their parent is sick or they just had an argument with their spouse. Perhaps the child is failing math or being bullied at school, or the toddler hasn't slept for two weeks. This can explain the short-temper in the grocery store or the harsher-than-necessary punishment, or the lack of care when it comes to sweets or TV or a late bedtime. We don't know, can't know, someone's entire story. That said, I believe there are absolutes in parenting so yes, sometimes, I still judge. (And I realize that the irony of this piece is that in writing about not judging others, I'm now judging those who judge.) I know that, for some, it's impossible to provide their children with life's basic necessities: food, clothing and shelter. But I believe we, as parents, must try. I believe we must do what we can to protect our children from harm. I believe we should always love our children, even when, especially when, we don't like their actions, we disagree with their decisions or we're just having a difficult day with them.

But everything else is minor. Everything else doesn't matter. There are children who are abused, who go to bed hungry, who have never known love, and four years ago I was judging the toddler who watched an hour of "Sesame Street"? I feel bad about my pre-children smugness. I feel bad about the sting I may have, unknowingly, made another feel. I feel bad - and laugh out loud at the thought -- that I, at one time, before I had children, believed I knew better. Parenting is difficult enough -- there's no reason we should judge one another, not for the things that don't matter, anyway, and not for the things we see a snippet of rather than knowing the full story.

So to the parents I knew four years ago, I'm sorry. I know better now.

#### January Holidays...\*\*\*January 16, MLK, Jr. Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Please check your Parent Handbook for important dates coming in the months ahead. *Treasure these years... they go by very quickly!* 



# A PICTORIAL VIEW OF OUR PRESCHOOL





Parachute fun on a rainy day!



Shredded toilet paper, grated Ivory Soap and warm water... hmmmm!



Voila! Clean mud!



Taking advantage of a break in the rain.



How many cooks can fit in our kitchen?



Painting tires for our obstacle course.

# TBE House of Gathering and Education

### Do You Have a Son and/or Daughter In College?

Temple Beth Emet has started a program to connect with our students attending a College. We would like to help them to continue their Jewish way of life and offer them additional support. This way, they will always have an open line of communication with our Rabbi, should they have questions or need direction; and we will remind them of their link to Israel and to keep connected to the Jewish Community. After college, we hope to have them join our Temple, as an adult.

Please send e-mail and give me the following information:

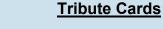
The name of the Student; Class Level; Address; Name of the University, and; If the Student is a member of any organization or club on campus.

The Temple will send a care-package for each holiday, as a gift to the Student with a calendar of events at the Temple for each month. The Student will be invited to all events sponsored by the Temple. We would like to encourage the Student to return to the Temple as often as they wish; as the Temple would like to offer itself as a second home and place of Jewish learning. I look forward hearing from you!

### NOTICE TO CHAI TIMES READERS

The Sisterhood Column is on hiatus this month. We look forward to presenting it in the March issue of the Chai Times.





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?

A card will automatically be sent from you in your name to those in need of healing and an amount of \$10 will be added to your bill each time a card is sent in your name.

# Contact the Temple Office at: 818 843-4787



Shop at Ralphs? Register your reward card at <u>ralphs.com</u> and add TBE as your organization! Or register with eScrip.com and support TBE when you shop! On or after September 1st, your reward card designation should be renewed. You can renew online. Thanks and happy shopping!



### "LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK!

Check out the Temple Beth Emet of Burbank Facebook page! Share relevant Jewish issues, timely messages, and pictures with your Temple Family and follow happenings at TBE, as well.

TBE House of Gathering 🏠

# Visit the Helen Pappert Gift Shoppe

The Sisterhood Gift Shop is filled with products for all your Judaic needs. All items are reasonably priced and wonderfully thoughtful gifts for birthdays, bar and bat mitzvot, anniversaries, or just to say "I love you."



Remember the sick, recovering and bereaved with cards, calls, and visits.

# Please say prayers of Refuah Sh'leimah for:

Please send all bereavement cards for the passing of our dear congregant and friend, George Davis who passed on Thursday, January 5th to the Temple Office.

Sylvia Sutton is always in our thoughts and prayers, we miss her very much.

Our dear friend, Morrie Bolter, recovering from surgery. Please offer your prayers for his complete and rapid recovery.

Our dear friend, Jerry Orlemann has been hospitalized and is scheduled for surgery. Please pray for a successful bypass surgery and rapid and complete recovery.

They help heal and comfort. Please call the Temple Office at (818) 843-4787 if a Temple Member is sick, recovering or hospitalized.

# Havurah Happenings

# Havurah Simcha L'Chaim

Havurah Simcha L'Chaim members are mainly retired people. If you would like to join, please let me know. If you would like to be in a new Havurah, please let me know and we can try to get a new group started.

Please call me to discuss it.

Ruth Glick 818 780 9134





WE ARE PROUD TO BE OFFERING OUR PIZZA NIGHT/FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. IT STARTS AT 6:00 PM.

CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE OR BARBARA BOLTER (818) 761-3116 OR LAURA GOLDSTEIN (818) 843-5437. TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE FOR PIZZA NIGHT. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

# TEMPLE BETH EMET MEMBERSHIP "CHAI LIGHTS"







# February Birthdays

Pat Bigley February 1 Delilah Church February 1 Debra Fishel February 1 Elliot Whitecotten February 3 Isabelle Hoffman February 4 Arlene Dorfman February 6 Evan Feldman February 12 Ben Crosby February 13 Stuart Friedman February 14 Aleesa Aronoff February 15 Eric Franklin February 17 Marlene Bobrowsky February 20 Aliyah White February 20 Aiden Solomons February 23 Barbara Bolter February 25 Walter Polan February 26 Camryn Bigley February 27

### Join the Sisterhood!

#### This Is Your Personal Invitation to Join Temple Beth Emet's Sisterhood

Sisterhood is a group of friends who work together for our Temple, our children, and our community, in a very tangible way. Our President, **Cathy Zitnick**, will be happy to hear from you. Call her at (818) 292-7180 or e-mail: <u>cmarriott01@msn.com</u>. She will be happy to acquaint you with what we do and find out what your interests are. We are sure you will fit in and we will be happy to welcome you!

We meet the first Sunday of every month at 10:00 AM in Blum Hall. Please join us. Dues are only \$15 per year (commencing September of every year). Please fill out this form, cut it out and send it with your payment to: TBE Sisterhood, c/o TEMPLE BETH EMET, 600 N. Buena Vista Blvd., Burbank, CA 91505; or just leave it with the Temple Office.

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February Anniversary

(Sorry~ no anniversaries!)

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	We have a wonderful Jewish Book Club at Temple!
	Conducted by Fran Bourne-Johnson.
Where:	Blum Hall at TBE
When:	Tuesday, February 28, 2017 7:00PM to 8:30 PM
What is the book we	<b>Once We Were Brothers</b> by Ronald Balson

**Synopsis:** The gripping tale about two boys, once as close as brothers, who find themselves on opposite sides of the Holocaust. Elliot Rosenzweig, a respected civic leader and wealthy philanthropist, is attending a fundraiser when he is suddenly accosted and accused of being a former Nazi SS officer named Otto Piatek, the Butcher of Zamosc. Although the charges are denounced as preposterous, his accuser is convinced he is right and engages attorney Catherine Lockhart to bring Rosenzweig to justice. Solomon persuades attorney Catherine Lockhart to take his case, revealing that the true Piatek was abandoned as a child and raised by Solomon's own family only to betray them during the Nazi occupation. But has Solomon accused the right man?

*Once We Were Brothers* is Ronald H. Balson's compelling tale of two boys and a family who struggle to survive in war-torn Poland, and a young love that struggles to endure the unspeakable cruelty of the Holocaust. Two lives, two worlds, and sixty years converge in an explosive race to redemption that makes for a moving and powerful tale of love, survival, and ultimately the triumph of the human spirit.

<u>Where to get the book</u>: The book is available on Kindle and Amazon.com, as well as local libraries.

Please read the book and be prepared to discuss it.

Cost of Participating: Free!

**The Book Club will meet on the 4thTuesday of every month.** The group will discuss what the next book will be at the meeting, as well as the format of the discussion group.

You may contact Fran at <u>franbourne@gmail.com</u> or call her at (617) 306-3835.

Fran Bourne-Johnson is enthusiastically inviting you to attend. She will warmly welcome the readers and a lively discussion is expected. The book she is recommending is both exciting and interesting. What a great way to socialize AND improve your mind! Let's get together and share a great reading experience.

\*Synopsis courtesy of Amazon.com/Books

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 6:00 PM Pizza Night 7:00 PM Family Service	4
5 9:00 AM Religious School Tu B'Shvat is Observed Afternoon program: Burbank Jewish Experience presents Spring Holidays at Stough Cyn Nature Center.	6	7 7:00 PM Temple Beth Emet Board Meeting	8	9	10 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	11
12 9:00 AM Religious School	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15 Chai Times Submissions are Due	16	17 7:30 PM Musical Shabbat Service	18 Ethan Wertlieb's Bar Mitzvah!!
19 9:00 AM Religious School	20 President's Day!	21 7:00 PM The Power of Speech Adult Education (See Page 5.)	22 7:00 PM	23	24 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	25
26 9:00 AM Religious School	27	28 7:00 PM Book Club Meeting			3	



## MONTHLY YAHRZEITS Honoring the Memory of Loved Ones

NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE			
At Temple On February 03, 2017					
Adam Caleb Dash	Jerry & Tzipy Dash	02/01			
Beatrice Miliman	Debbie Zelman	02/01			
Ilse Korant Schindlbe	The Congregation	02/01			
Martha Ham	Kyle Orlemann	02/01			
Margary Winston	Louis Schwab	02/01			
Robert Sutton	Sylvia Gross Sutton	02/01			
Richard Orlov	Andrew Merrill	02/02			
Philip Brown	Margery Brown	02/03			
Amelia Kapson	Bruce & Pat Bigley	02/03			
Stella Pollack	The Congregation	02/04			

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Herbert Murez	02/27
Louis Schwab	02/29
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Anna Shapiro	Louis Schwab	02/05
Harold Salter	Eric & Jennifer Franklin	02/05
Freida Slavin	Lois Jones	02/06
Anne Hernandez	Elizabeth Postal	02/06
Lee Segal	Naomi Aronoff	02/07
Bertha Segal Friedman	Neal Friedman	02/07
Alfred Jackman	Marcia Jackman	02/07
Alfred Jackman	Debra Fishel	02/07
Patrick Raven	Howard & Dana Sapper	02/09
Solomon Shimmel	Cliff Rayman	02/11

#### At Temple on February 17, 2017

Mary Beth Naythons	David Naythons	02/13
Jay Featherman	Francis Bourne-Jackson	02/14
June Beck	Scott Beck	02/14
June Beck	The Congregation	02/14
Maxwell Feinstein	Joel Feinstein	02/14
Alan Sloves	Myra Sloves	02/15
Troy Jackson	Edith Dague	02/15
Helen Louise Naythons	David Naythons	02/15
Florence Katz	Linda M. Kierman	02/18
Nathan H. Rose	Beverly Genereux	0218

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Samuel Gramowitz	Martin Bibicoff	02/20
Lillian Schredder	Bonnie Friedman	02/22
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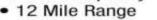
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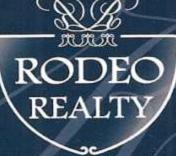
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