

May 2017



# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

*"The Temple With A Heart"*

**"One who raises himself above the community and who seeks her own desires, rages against all sound judgement" ( Proverbs 18:1).**



The Community Seder was fantastic beyond our wildest expectations. We had participants from ages five to well over fifty-five. I believe we all enjoyed the true feeling of community but two memories that night distinctly stand out in my mind.

A visitor, which we hope he and his family become members, asked me about the Afikoman and its significance. I informed him it is another device Judaism puts in place so younger people will pay attention during services. Much the same as the dreidel which is there so kids pay attention to the Hanukkiah for the half hour the candles or oil are burning. He remarked with a bit of wonder "Judaism does all that so that the kids stay involved" and I reminded him of the child mentioned in the Seder service called "Rasha" or evil, who is only so because he separates himself from the community.

To our people, especially at Temple Beth Emet, our children are everything to us, as is evident by several former students of our school, attending the Seder with their parents. Therefore, we must be doing the right things to keep them involved.

Unfortunately, not all moments of the Seder were good.

After the children, who sat through the Seder and when called upon helped conduct it, found the Afikoman, I went to reward them for their efforts. I laid the rewards on my Seder Table, but when I went to get a drink of water and came back, one of the prizes was missing. I looked over and not only had it been removed, but people had eaten the chocolate covered Matzahs that were in the box. How fast they must have taken and gobbled it up, G-d only knows.

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Our first Art Class with Morrie Bolter! **May 10th at 7:00 PM** in Blum Hall. (See Page 7 for details.) **Reservations required.**



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 **May 5th**. (See our ad on Page 14.)



Lag B'Omer will be celebrated this month on **May 14th at 5:00 PM at Johnny Carson Park**. Please join us for a **Community Celebration and BBQ!** (Please see the flyer on Page 12.)



**TBE Preschool presents its very first Summer Camp Session!!**  
**Open to preschoolers ages 2-4!**  
**Bring your little ones for a season of fun and creative expression in a nurturing, happy environment! (See Page 10 for details.)**



Upcoming events for May 2017: **Yom Hashoah Memorial Service and a Potluck Breakfast for the RSPA -May 7th at Temple, Days of Remembrance-May 9th, Israeli Independence Day Celebration-May 14th, Teacher Appreciation Shabbat-May 19th & the final day of Religious School-May 21st**, which will feature a **Dance-A-Thon** being held by the Religious School and the families of our Preschool. **June 1st** brings **Shavuot** and the **Yizkor Service at 10:00 AM**, as well. (See Calendar on Page 17.)



**May 14th!!**

# 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.

## 2016-2017 Officers and Directors

### Officers

Ira L. Goldstein, *President*  
David Goldstein, *Vice President*  
Cathy Zitnick, *Treasurer*  
Shirley Abramson, *Secretary*

### Directors

Barbara Bolter  
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### Men's Club President

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### Sisterhood President

Cathy Zitnick

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Rabbi Mark Sobel, Education Director  
Shirley Kirschenbaum, Grades K-1  
Tanya Termechi & Barbara Lux, Grades  
2-3  
Tanya Termechi & Barbara Lux, Grades  
4-5  
Staff - Rabbi Mark Sobel, Grades 6-7  
Mahnaz Termechi, Bar/Bat Mitzvah  
Preparation  
TBD, Confirmation (Grades 8-10)  
Robyn Kreisberg, Music  
Miranda Goldstein, Teaching Asst.

## Religious School Parents Association

David Goldstein, President

## Preschool

Elaine Rosenfield, Director

## Office Staff

Office Manager/Secretary,  
Victoria Gaffney  
Religious School Office Assistant,  
Edith Dague

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### Calendar and Usage

Victoria Gaffney

## Communications

Barbara Lux

## Education

David Goldstein

## Membership

Barbara Bolter

## Ritual

Ira L. Goldstein

## Social Action

TBD

## Ways and Means

TBD

## Building and Maintenance

TBD

## Coordinators and Volunteers

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### Chai Times Editor

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### Children's Hospital LA Toys

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### College Outreach

Cathy Zitnick, Chairman

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Shirley Abramson

### Food Drives

TBD

### Havurahs

Ruth Glick, (818) 780-9134

### Library

Barbara Lux/TBD

### Marquee

Craig Weisman/Rabbi Mark Sobel

### Mitzvot

TBD

### One Call

Victoria Gaffney

### Oneg Coordination

TBD

### Reach Out

Craig Weisman/Rabbi Mark Sobel

### Technology

TBD

### Historian

TBD/Rabbi Mark Sobel

### Youth Group Coordinator (BBYO: AZA &

BBG)

TBD

### Webmaster

TBD

## Temple Beth Emet Office Hours

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*

Call the Temple office at (818) 843-4787 to  
contact Temple Staff/volunteers.

Your message will be forwarded to the  
appropriate person.

## CHAI TIMES

**Chai Times** is the free, monthly  
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Rabbi Mark is a regular contributor  
to the

***In Theory*** column, which appears  
in the Burbank Leader in print and  
online at:

[http://www.burbankleader.com/  
opinion/religion](http://www.burbankleader.com/opinion/religion)

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

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Now a box of chocolate matzahs is not very costly, in terms of dollars and cents, I know because I bought them for the children, but they are priceless in terms of what they showed the children. Each day, we at Temple Beth Emet teach, as is the Reform movement's emphasis, Ethics and Values. How do we explain to our children that a few adults took advantage of a situation and deprived the children of what should have been a total joy and reward for them?

Luckily, I almost always buy more than we need. It's the Jewish way my mother taught me. So the children seemed to be happy. But why should a reward for such exemplary behavior be tainted by such selfishness?

Why should one of the Brightest Shining Stars of the Temples long and valued Community Seders be tarnished by such a display of disdain for our youngest generation?

And now I must apologize, for my own tarnish, as I almost violated one of our principles, "Thou Shalt Not embarrass one in Public". Nevertheless, I am sure the group of people who took the gifts from the children know how upset I was and still am. As a joke when I walked away a second time, they took the other box. The first taking wasn't funny nor was the second. Further, a comment from someone I respect when he saw what had transpired was to the effect that he was not surprised.

We had several guest families in attendance, which brings to mind the question how did it look to them to see adults taking from children?

Unfortunately, this is not the first time this happened. Friends, because we are a congregation that believes in giving people the benefit of doubt, we do not and have not confronted those who take from the congregation. But truly, we know who they are and, more importantly, G-d knows.

Ultimately, Passover is called Z'man Herutainu, Time of our Freedom, but at Temple Beth Emet and in life, there are limits to one's freedom.

B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark

**Judaism:** What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbour. This is the whole Torah; all the rest is commentary. (Hillel, Talmud, Shabbat 31a)





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – May 2017

Our Temple depends on the contributions of all members of our family, whether by ideas, financial support, or volunteer efforts. I have often referred to the three Ws – wisdom, wampum, and work. Your gift of these things not only keep our Temple going, but will help us grow in the future. We thank you for your continued support. One other thing we need from you is **bodies** – live of course! – in the form of new members and member families. Please take an increased awareness of this need with you when you go through your day. Someone you know might just need Temple Beth Emet as much as we need them!



In March, we held a Town Meeting to discuss the state of our Temple and ways we could improve and grow. Several people attended and offered ideas and observation, and we even had some people step forward to become more involved. We thank those who took the time to attend.

In April, we had our first “**Big Ask**” fundraiser, calling our families to ask for financial support. Those who worked the phones mentioned that they were impressed by the reception they received from those they had called. Not one of our volunteer callers had anyone become cross with them or hang up. Most callers pledged support. We thank you for your financial encouragement. One Temple member remarked to me a couple of weeks later that it was nice that we waited to start calling until the late morning, rather than disturbing people early on a Sunday morning!

On April 15th, we held our Community Seder. It was a rousing success with nearly 100 people attending. On behalf of each and every one of us who shopped, cooked, served, cleaned up, conducted, or otherwise was involved in putting on our Community Seder, we thank ALL OF YOU who joined us. It was our labor of love for our community. You made our efforts worthwhile and rewarding. Thank you also to everyone who was involved in any capacity in putting on our Community Seder. It is a lot of work, but the result was a meaningful and positive impact on our community.

On June 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM we will be having our Annual Meeting of the membership, which will include the election of Officers and Directors for the Temple Board of Directors for the coming year. As I am chair of the Nominating Committee, I know that there will be some empty spots on our slate of nominees. I urge everyone to consider increasing their involvement in our Temple community next year, either by agreeing to serve on the Board or in some other capacity. Nominations will be taken from the floor that evening. I also invite everyone to attend the Annual Meeting so that we can continue the discussion we started in March.

One of the first people we met at St. Jude's Anglican Church, when we started holding our High Holiday services was David Van Ausdal, who assisted Fr. Charles Mitchell and basically ran the office at St. Jude's. David was kind, wise, funny, and loving. He was one of the people who always worked to make sure that when we visited we felt welcome and had everything we needed and more. For many years, he joined us on the bimah at the conclusion of services with his didgeridoo, adding its unique sound to our final shofar blast. David left this world on April 7th after a long illness. I'm sure he is in the world-to-come telling stories and trading jokes with Alan Sloves and Jerry Engelberg as they used to do when we were all together so many years ago. A **Memorial Service for David Van Ausdal** will be held at **St. David's Anglican Church, 710 South Glenoaks Blvd., in Burbank at 3:00 pm on Saturday, May 13th**. As you may know, St. Jude's merged with St. David's shortly after the High Holidays. St. David's meets at the Burbank Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Members of the Temple Beth Emet community are invited to attend.

Finally, **Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th**. I wish all the moms of Temple Beth Emet, from the ones whose children attend our preschool to those whose children are grown and on their own, a very Happy Mother's Day!

IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



The Burbank Human Relations Council presents

# **DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE**

## **– 2017 –**

A COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLOCAUST

**Temple Emanu El of Burbank**  
**1302 N. Glenoaks Blvd. 91506**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017 – 7:30 pm**

**Free Admission ● Public welcome**

**“I Held the Sun in My Hands” – Erika Jacoby**  
**Featured Speaker and Auschwitz Survivor**



Erika Jacoby's memoir is the story of a young girl raised in a traditional Jewish family in Hungary prior to World War II. When Germany occupied Hungary on March 19th, 1944, Erika Jacoby, together with her mother, was deported to Auschwitz. She was among the youngest to escape selection by Dr. Mengele, and together with her mother she endured and outlasted the atrocities of their Nazi persecutors.

The film "Swimming at Auschwitz," featuring Erika and five other Auschwitz Survivors, will be available to purchase (DVD) for \$25 each. (A percentage of the proceeds will go to the Burbank Human Relations Council and Temple Emanu El to cover the costs of this event.)

**Proclamation and Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony to open the  
Burbank City Council Meeting – 6:00 pm – May 9, 2017**

For Further Information Please Contact the **Burbank Human Relations Council**  
phone: (818) 860-2472 – email: [TheBHRC@gmail.com](mailto:TheBHRC@gmail.com)



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## CHAI LIGHTS

Our own Rabbi Mark Sobel is a Chaplain for the Burbank Police Department. On April 18th, the Burbank PD had a "Volunteer Appreciation" Luncheon. Rabbi attended, of course, and was photographed among the other kind hearted volunteers. Here is a copy of the photo and caption submitted by Jamie Barton.



The many faces of the wonderful volunteers at the Burbank Police Dept. attended a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Rabbi Mark was honored for his services as Chaplain for Burbank Police Dept. Congratulations!

### **A REMINDER: BPD'S DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENT, was on SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017**

National Volunteer Week was established by President Richard Nixon with an executive order in 1974, as a way to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers. The BPD recognized their volunteers by hosting a thank you luncheon in acknowledgement of their contribution. Presidential certificates and pins were awarded upon conclusion.



In April 2017, Rabbi Mark Sobel received a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedication and performance as Chaplain to the Burbank Police Department. An accolade well deserved we think!



Spring is here and, as hard as it is to believe, the end of another Religious School year is almost upon us. Our first ever Big Ask fundraiser was held on April 2nd and, at last count, over \$1600 was raised for our Temple and Religious School. Special thanks go out to Jessica Wertlieb, Dan Gura, Barbara Bolter, Ira Goldstein, and Rabbi Mark for serving as representatives on the phones, and to so many of who donated generously and made this new fundraiser such a big success!



Our annual Religious School Passover Seder and Celebration was held on April 9th. The students rotated through a series of centers focusing on prayers, music, food, and a craft all relating to the holiday before attending our Seder which was led by Rabbi Mark. Many thanks go out to the members of our Parents Association for providing all of the items for our Seder Plates.

Upcoming events for our students during the month of May will include our **Yom Hashoah Memorial on May 7th**, our **Israeli Independence Day Celebration on May 14th**, our **Teacher Appreciation Shabbat on May 19th** (with the Oneg following the Service to be hosted by our Parents Association), and our **final day of Religious School on May 21st** which will feature a **Dance-A-Thon** being held jointly with the families of our Preschool.



## A Place for Learning

We would like to offer 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.

We are offering an Art Class taught by Morris Bolter at **7:00 PM on May 10th** in Blum Hall. Donations are enthusiastically encouraged to cover the cost of supplies and **all** ages are welcome to participate.



Please call the Temple Office at (818) 843-4787 or Barbara Bolter at (818) 761-3116 for questions or to reserve your place in the class. Depending on interest expressed for this class, we will gladly devise a series of these art classes. Class space will depend on prior reservations only.

After Passover Break there is SO much to do and catch up on!



Lending a Helping Hand



What are our days like at TBE Preschool?

We connect with friends..

Honing our skills with Still Life Drawing



Practicing for Entrepreneurship.



Our Preschool plays a vital role in enhancing our Temple Family. Here, on **Friday, April 7th**, during our **Family Service/Tot Shabbat/Pizza Night**, our Preschool provided a very welcome little bake sale... Chock full of delicious goodies for sale. The proceeds of the sale was put to good use and very much appreciated!





**Splashy water fun to beat the heat!**



**Designing an airplane to take to exotic places!**



As one dad put it. . . "Amazing! Everything preschool should be and more!!"

**Most of all, just loving Preschool!!!**

Your temple preschool is expanding and enrolling for September...if you have a little one or know of someone who does, please check us out! [preschool@templebethemet.com](mailto:preschool@templebethemet.com)



## SUMMER CAMP AT TBE PRESCHOOL

We are excited to offer a five-week summer session!  
Join us for one, two, three, four or five weeks...  
it will be FUN!!!  
(Weekly themes to be announced at a later date)



June 19 - July 21

Camp Hours: 9:00am-2:00pm

Please choose 3 days/week or 5 days/week.

June 19 - 23	3 days _____	5 days _____
June 26 - 30	3 days _____	5 days _____
July 3 - 7	3 days _____	5 days _____
July 10 - 14	3 days _____	5 days _____
July 17 - 21	3 days _____	5 days _____
Any One week	(3 days) \$195;	(5 days) \$300
Two weeks	(3 days) \$390;	(5 days) \$600
Three weeks	(3 days) \$585;	(5 days) \$900
Four weeks	(3 days) \$780;	(5 days) \$1200
Five weeks	(3 days) \$950;	(5 days) \$1475



\$60 will be deducted if your child is here the week of July 4th,  
and is enrolled 5 days per week.

Registration form and payment of 50% is  
due May 15 with full payment due by June 1,  
in order to have proper coverage.







## SISTERHOOD MESSAGE FOR MAY 2017

Dear Members:

We will not be having a meeting in May. Our regular meeting day, the first Sunday of the month, will be designated for another of our **Sisterhood Parking Lot Sales**. Our Sale will be from **8:00AM to 1:00PM**. If any of you have something you no longer need or want, please feel free to donate it to the Sisterhood so that we may sell it. I, again, will not be scheduling a food truck, as **Temple Beth Emet's Religious School Parents Association** will also be having their **Potluck Breakfast** that morning. So please, come to "Eat and Shop" at the Temple on the **May 7th**. Since the parking lot will be occupied by the Sisterhood, please remember to use street parking.

Our Community *Passover* Seder was April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Temple at 6:30 PM. This year, the Sisterhood helped out the Temple with its Community Event. We provided food and place settings for everyone to eat. The food was delicious and I would like to thank Barbara Bolter, Shirley Abramson, Hannah Cline, Fran Bourne-Johnson, Ruth Glick, and Birdie Zitnick for everything they donated. We all had such a wonderful time. I would also like to thank Barbara Lux and her son, Logan, for doing the cooking for the Board. Had it not been for Barbara and Logan, I don't know what the Temple would have done. They actually saved the day. Many people arrived, which made it the perfect time to catch up with friends and family. The Temple had quite an attendance which resulted in lots of donations. To be able to celebrate our independence as both Americans and Jews is exceedingly important. We are very fortunate to have a building within which to sit and a community with which to share a meal and our life's experiences.

For both Holocaust Remembrance Day and Israel Independence Day the Sisterhood voted to purchase trees to be planted in Israel, rather than choosing one of the days over the other to hold an event.

June will be my last month to represent the Sisterhood as President. Since we will not be having a meeting in May, the Sisterhood had its annual elections at the April meeting. Since we are dark in both July and September; the new President, Fran Bourne-Johnson, will have her first meeting in August of this year. Next month's article will be my last.

Yours in the Sisterhood,

Cathy Zitnick  
Sisterhood President







# LAG B'OMER BBQ

**JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FUN,  
CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY  
ON THIS JOYFUL HOLIDAY!**



**JOHNNY CARSON PARK  
BURBANK**

**Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5pm**

RSVP FREE @

<http://bit.ly/bjxbbq>

In partnership with:



Barbours  
Temple  
Emet





## 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 an 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!

Cathy Zitnick, Sisterhood President  
TBE College Outreach  
CMARRIOTT01@msn.com

## *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: [cmarriott01@msn.com](mailto:cmarriott01@msn.com). 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.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## Tribute Cards

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 [ralphs.com](http://ralphs.com) 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.



## 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:**

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

Our dear friend and Temple member, Celia Kaufman has had a falling accident. Let's all pray for her rapid and complete healing.

Our friend and Temple member, Stephen Abrams has undergone surgery recently, let's all pray for his 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](tel:8187809134)

**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! DON'T FORGET TO RSVP!**

**ADULTS \$5/KIDS FREE!**







### **May Anniversaries**

Philip Wolfson & Agnes Bertiz May 26

Brian & Andrea McKinnon May 30

### **May Birthdays**

Marla Goldberg May 04

Jodessa Bayer May 07

Dave Wertlieb May 09

Sean Lamas May 12

Sarah Watnick May 13

Sadie Gallagher May 15

Kevin Colton May 19

Erica Bolotsky May 23



**We have a wonderful Jewish Book Club at Temple!**

**Conducted by Fran Bourne-Johnson.**

**Where:** Blum Hall at TBE

**When:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 7:00PM to 8:30 PM

**What is the book we will read and discuss:** The Mathematician's Shiva by Stuart Rojstacer

When the greatest female mathematician in history passes away, her son, Alexander "Sasha" Karnokovitch, just wants to mourn his mother in peace. But rumor has it the notoriously eccentric Polish émigré has solved one of the most difficult problems in all of mathematics, and has spitefully taken the solution to her grave. As a ragtag group of mathematicians from around the world descends upon Rachela's shiva, determined to find the proof or solve it for themselves--even if it means prying up the floorboards for notes or desperately scrutinizing the mutterings of her African Grey parrot--Sasha must come to terms with his mother's outsized influence on his life.

Spanning decades and continents, from a crowded living room in Madison, Wisconsin, to the windswept beach on the Barents Sea where a young Rachela had her first mathematical breakthrough, *The Mathematician's Shiva* is an unexpectedly moving and uproariously funny novel that captures humanity's drive not just to survive, but to achieve the impossible.

Where to get the book: 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 4th Tuesday 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 [franbourne@gmail.com](mailto:franbourne@gmail.com) 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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>On May 14th...</b>	<b>1</b>  Erev Yom Ha-Atzmaut	<b>2 7:00 PM</b> <b>Board Meeting</b>    <b>Israeli Independence Day/Yom Ha-Atzmaut</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Israeli Independence</b>	<b>4</b>  	<b>5 6:00 PM</b> <b>Pizza Night</b>   <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Family Service</b>	<b>6</b>    <b>Potluck Breakfast tomorrow for members of RSPA at Temple.</b>
<b>7 9:00 AM</b> <b>Religious School/Yom HaShoah Presentation</b> <b>8:00AM-1:00PM</b> <b>Sisterhood Parking Lot Sale</b> 	<b>8</b>  	<b>9 7:30 PM</b> <b>Burbank Human Relations Council Days of Remembrance</b>  <b>At Temple Emanu El of Burbank (See Page 5.)</b>	<b>10 7:00 PM</b> <b>Art Class taught by Morrie Bolter. (See Page 7.)</b> 	<b>11</b>  	<b>12 7:30 PM</b> <b>Shabbat Service</b>  	<b>13</b>    <b>Erev Lag B'Omer</b>
<b>14 9:00 AM</b> <b>Religious School</b>  <b>5:00 PM Lag B'Omer BBQ in Johnny Carson Park</b>  <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>15</b>  <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Chai Times Submissions are Due</b> </div>	<b>16</b>  	<b>17</b>  	<b>18</b>  	<b>19 7:30 PM</b> <b>Shabbat Musical Service/Teacher Appreciation Service</b>  	<b>20</b>  
<b>21 9:00 AM</b> <b>Last Day of Religious School 2016-2017 &amp; DANCE-A-THON RELIGIOUS &amp; PRESCHOOL</b> 	<b>22</b>  	<b>23 7:00 PM</b> <b>Book Club Meeting (See Page 15.)</b> 	<b>24</b>  	<b>25</b>  	<b>26 7:30 PM</b> <b>Shabbat Service "Ask The Rabbi Service"</b>  	<b>27</b>  
<b>28</b>  	<b>29</b>  	<b>30</b> <b>EREV SHAVUOT</b>	<b>31</b> <b>SHAVUOT</b> 	<b>1 10:00 AM</b> <b>SHAVUOT Yizkor Service</b>	<b>2</b>  	<b>3</b>  
<b>June 1st, 10:00 AM Shavuot Yizkor Service</b> <b>June 6th, 7:00 PM Annual Temple Board Meeting election of Officers and Directors. (See Ira Goldstein's Column Page 4.)</b>				<b>Enjoy your summer!!!!</b> 		





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<b><u>At Temple on May 5, 2017</u></b>		
Jerry Trott	Dianne Bender	5/1
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Sidney Zober	Maurinne Zober Gold	5/3
Alex Krone	Harriet Winnick	5/3
Shawn Sloves	Myra Sloves	5/5
Beatrice Manners	Susie Manners	5/5
John Eisinger	Carole Eisinger	5/6
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<b><u>At Temple on May 12, 2017</u></b>		
Minnie Rutkovsku	Martin Bibicoff	5/07
Morris Tenney	Amy Belilove	5/08
Alfred Ascherman	Hannah Cline	5/08
Louis Altman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	5/08
Esther Shagan Klein	Cheryl Mundon	5/08
Edwin Fishel	Jack Fishel	5/08
Anna Nudell	Mayer Nudell	5/10
<b><u>At Temple on May 19, 2017</u></b>		
Minnie Levine	Louis Schwab	5/15
Evelyn Jackman	Marcia Jackman	5/16
Evelyn Jackman	Debra Fishel	5/16
Dr. Arthur Kleinberg	Carole Eisinger	5/16
Isak Korenstein	Janet Petroff	5/18
George David McCune	Sara McCune	5/19
Helen Pappert	Marilyn Pappert	5/20
<b><u>At Temple on May 26, 2017</u></b>		
Abe Kranitz	Ian Kranitz	5/21
Craig Banner	Mitzi Rattner	5/22
Fanny Kurland	LaVerne Cohen	5/24
Belle Burns	Frank Burns	5/26
Adele Abdo	Vicki Margolin	5/26
Marc Goldwater	Terry & Helen Goldwater	5/27
Jacqueline Soroka	Laura & Mark Soroka	5/27
<b><u>At Temple on June 2, 2017</u></b>		
Irene J. Kleinberg	Carole Eisinger	5/28
Eleanor Nemzer Marlin	Dorothy Matzkin	5/28
Saul Weisman	Craig Weisman	5/29

NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<b><u>At Temple on June 2, 2017 (Continued)</u></b>		
Betty Kapson	Pat Bigley	5/30
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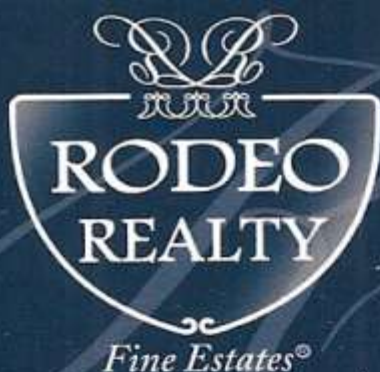
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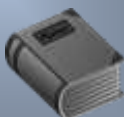
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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

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