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"If you will it, it is no dream"- Theodore Herzl



This year we are witness to a unique phenomenon, Tu B'Shvat and Martin Luther King' Birthday are going to be celebrated on the same day. It got me to thinking! Tu B'Shvat, The new year of the trees occurs in the winter not like American Arbor day which occurs during the fall during the Harvest.

While it is easy to plant trees in the autumn, we believe planting them in the winter is much more difficult and much more needing of faith in G-D.

I wonder about Martin Luther King's faith, not in G-D but in people. As part of his standing up for his own people, he was imprisoned, bitten by dogs, hosed and abused in many ways, but still he did not give up.

In the early 1960's, America was still living in the Winter of Civil Rights. The attitude of many people was well summed up in the Lyrics of a song, Eve of Destruction, which says, "Hate your next door neighbor but don't forget to say grace". Hate someone who is different, but love your own family and compliment G-D. Day in and day out there was violence and killings and abuses of men and women. We forget, the Civil Rights

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January Meeting Cancelled

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January Meeting Cancelled

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Sunday, January 9, 2022 - 9:00 AM

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES We Lived There, Too!

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 - 7:00 PM
ETHIOPIA AND SUB SAHARAN AFRICA
Haile Salasse was one of ours?



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Robyn Kreisberg

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*New Year's Day, President's Day,
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movement was aimed not only at racial injustice but in sexual injustice, age injustice, and gender injustice. We have gained many freedoms we did not have in these past 60 years...

Martin Luther King planted the seeds of equality and like the Tu B'Shvat story, he did not live long enough to see the fruit grow from the tree but his grandchildren did.

We can make his dream our own!. We can eat from the fruits of his vision and gain the nourishment we need to plant groves of trees with even more far reaching dreams for our children and grandchildren.

But first we must clear the bullies, bigots, racists, misogynists, and anti-Semites from the land! Let us start here at Tempe Beth Emet.

Simultaneously, we will ask people to share with us their dreams for the future of our Temple, our City, and our Land.

We will start the third Friday of this month bringing back "Ask the Rabbi" but we will extend its reach to include questions about future Judaism not just contemporary Jewish ideas.

Also, two ideas have come to me I would like to share, we add a weekly evening 'Lunch with the Rabbi' type discussion group. It was pointed out to me, by one of our members, that people are busy during the day with work or other activities so evenings would be better.

We are going to hear from our young people! What better way to plant fruit growing 'trees' than to ask our young people? I am sure their way to make their dreams for the Jewish Community our country and themselves come true will differ from our own dreams for each of those topics...

We have much to think about as we leave the winter days of the Pandemic and enter the warmth of a spring of new life.

Let me leave you with a quote from Martin Luther King: "Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - January 2022

I was struggling with a topic for this month's message when I came across this story by "The Love Rabbi," Yisroel Bernath, of Chabad of NDG and the Jewish Chaplain at Concordia University. It is far better than what I was working on, so I would like to cede the page to him:



In Washington DC, at a Metro Station, on a cold January morning in 2007, a man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes.

During that time, approximately 2000 people went through the station, most of them on their way to work.

After about four minutes, a middle-aged man noticed that there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds, and then he hurried on to meet his schedule.

About four minutes later, the violinist received his first dollar. A woman threw money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk.

At six minutes, a young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

At ten minutes, a three-year old boy stopped, but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head the whole time. This action was repeated by several other children, but every parent - without exception - forced their children to move on quickly.

At forty-five minutes: The musician played continuously. Only six people stopped and listened for a short while. About twenty gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32.

After one hour: He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. There was no recognition at all.

No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before, Joshua Bell sold-out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged \$100 each to sit and listen to him play the same music.

This is a true story. Joshua Bell, playing incognito in the D.C. Metro Station, was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception,

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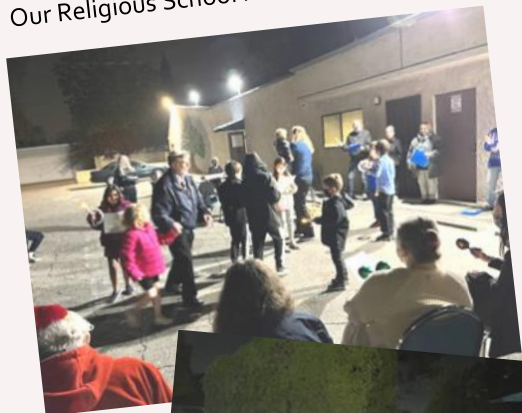
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Margaret Bayer played guitar.



Our Adult Choir sang for us.



Really, plenty of people were there!

Thank you Rabbi, Robyn, and everyone who participated!



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taste and people's priorities.

This experiment raised several questions:

In a common-place environment, at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty?

If so, do we stop to appreciate it?

Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made...

How many other things are we missing as we rush through life?

(Happy New Year, be sure to stop and listen to the music!)

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President

WELCOME, RALPH GARLAND -- Our new office assistant!

Toward the end of November we bid adieu to Janelle Showalter, our recently hired office assistant. Janelle has found a full-time position. We wish her well in her new endeavor.

Janelle did not leave us in the lurch, though. She introduced us to her neighbor, Ralph Garland. Ralph is retired from Cast & Crew, a company which provides technology-enabled payroll and production-management services in the entertainment industry.

Ralph was looking for something to help fill his time so as to not just sit around the house all day, and when we met him we hit it off right away. He is quickly settling into our office operations.

Welcome to our Temple family, Ralph! We know you're going to like it here!



Temple Beth Emet of Burbank
sisterhood

The Temple Beth Emet Sisterhood focus on serving the Temple and the community. Membership in Sisterhood means making a commitment to living Jewish. By being a member, you become an active link in the history of our people. You serve as a role model for Jewish values. Each member blossoms in their own individual way as they experience the camaraderie of Sisterhood and share in service to the Jewish community.



FROM THE SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT - Marlene Dreyfuss

The Sisterhood this year finally got back to in-person meetings but we are still restricted in making plans for events. We were able to have our Parking Lot Sale and we are planning another one for next year. We still participate in Family Promise and have donated gift cards this year because we can't participate in meals at the church.

It was a sad year for the Sisterhood as well as for the congregation since two of our members passed away; Barbara Bolter and Fran Bourne-Johnson, who was our past president. Both ladies are sorely missed.

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,

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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“Funny you don’t look Jewish!”

“Oh Yeah. I had my _____ fixed!”

ETHIOPIA AND SUB SAHARAN AFRICA - January 11, 2022

Haile Salasse was one of ours?

CHINA AND JAPAN - February 8, 2022

A Tallis by any other name would still wrap nicely!

INDIA AND COCHIN - March 8, 2022

A madras imprint on my soul



JANUARY YAHREZITS

NAME: DATE: REMEMBERED BY: NAME: DATE: REMEMBERED BY:

At Temple January 7, 2022

Elmer Jacob	January 1	Phyllis Shear
William Naythons	January 1	David Naythons
Stella Shear	January 1	Phyllis Shear
Sol (Sheik) Rosenthal	January 2	Betty Canter & Gail Arce
Morris Yaras	January 2	Fran Bernstein
Joan Kramer	January 3	The Congregation
George Davis	January 5	Philip Davis & the Congregation
Baruch Vismonsky	January 6	Tsipi Yaffee
Margaret Buckley	January 7	Linda Kiernan

At Temple January 14, 2022 (Cont.)

Shirley Wolf	January 14	The Congregation
Naoma Goodman	January 15	The Congregation
Moshe Marco	January 15	Jerry & Tzipy Dash
Maurice Rosenthal	January 15	Betty Canter & Gail Arce

At Temple January 21, 2022

Michael Liebgot	January 16	Howard Liebgot
Carmel Feinsilber	January 20	Barri Bucknam
Susan Werner	January 20	Dan Werner & Flora Werner-Mendoza
Miriam Everakes	January 21	Jerry & Adrienne Everakes

At Temple January 14, 2022

Sylvia Becker	January 9	Gerald & Estelle Becker
Tillie Friedman	January 9	Bonnie & Stuart Friedman
Mayer Nudell	January 9	The Congregation
Nathaniel Millman	January 10	The Congregation
Ben Zober	January 12	Marlene Lipman

At Temple January 28, 2022

Celia Kaufman	January 24	Barry Kaufman
Anna Sobel	January 24	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel
Blossom Tenney	January 24	Steve & Amy Belilove
Louis Bigley	January 26	Robert Bigley, Bruce & Pat Bigley

Edward Zimmer	January 13	The Congregation
Rosalind Avrashow	January 13	Marlene Dreyfuss
Rosalind Avrashow	January 13	Eileen Martin
Edward Zimmer	January 13	The Congregation
Ethyle Greenberg	January 14	Scott & Elaine Fishman
Toni Mattis	January 14	The Congregation
Freda Murez	January 14	Herbert Murez

Herman Sandelman	January 26	Barri Bucknam
Lena Rosenthal	January 28	Betty Canter & Gail Arce
Theodore Leibowitz	January 29	Geraldine Leibowitz

At Temple February 4, 2022

Anna S. Vineberg	January 31	Jerry & Tzipy Dash
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Planned Giving is a wonderful and loving way to ensure the legacy of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank and future generations. Planned Giving can be as simple as a bequest or a more complex financial arrangement which can provide many options and possible tax deductions for the donor.

Speak with your legal and financial advisors as to the best way to structure your wills and estate planning to include the Temple in your current and future plans.

Information on Planned Giving can also be found on our website at:

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January Birthdays

Frank Watnick	January 3
Ethan Wertlieb	January 7
Brooklyn Bigley	January 14
Elyse Sokol	January 22
Matthew Dorfman	January 24
Rebecca Tanner	January 24

We do not have record of any January Anniversaries/

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 \$18 (*Chai*) will be added to your bill each time a card is sent in your name.

Contact the Temple Office at: 818 843-4787

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

Please say prayers of *Refuah Sh'leimah* for

Stuart Friedman has been ill. Let's join together in prayer for his improved and continued good health.

We pray for **Maya Lee** & wish her good health

*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)



DECEMBER 2021 KISLEV/TEVET 5782

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 No Religious School - Winter Recess	3	4 7:00PM Temple Board Meeting CANCELLED	5 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	6	7 7:00PM Shabbat Services	1 8
9 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon 10:00 AM Sisterhood Meeting CANCELLED	10	11 7:00PM Adult Education Session 3	12 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	13	14 7:00PM Shabbat Services	15 <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div>
16 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon Tu BiShvat	17 	18	19 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	20	21 7:00PM Shabbat Services	22
23 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon	24	25	26 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	27	28 7:00PM Shabbat Services	29
30 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon	31					

Lunch With the Rabbi - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. **Shabbat Services** - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.
Tuesday, February 1 - 7:00 PM - Temple Board Meeting. **Sunday, February 6 - 10:00 AM** - Sisterhood Meeting. **Tuesday, February 8 - 7:00 PM** - Adult Education



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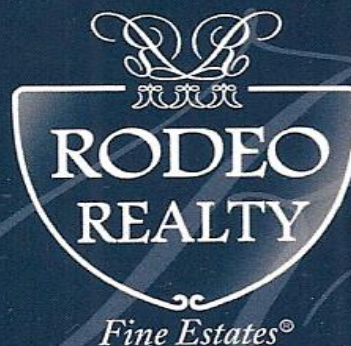
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