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"I see Trees of Green Red Roses, Too... They're really saying I love you." (Louis Armstrong, *What a Wonderful World*)



Early last month I had cataract surgery. While the preparation was a bit tedious, the surgeries themselves were fairly straight forward and comprehensive. Ira told me that once the cataract was removed, I would see colors that I had never seen before. Never is a long time but 67 years is about right for me. I was struck by a car at the age of 5 and I have been wearing either glasses or contact lenses ever since.

Ira was right, even now I walk around marveling at how bright things are. Mina laughs on our morning walks as I admire shrubs and bushes I have watched for 30 years that now stand out in my vision due to their hue and size.

Truly, though, my favorite part about the surgery is that now I have depth perception back. Things stand out to me because they stand out. No longer do I see things as if they were one dimensional with their neighbors.

In the midst of my euphoria, I began to realize that there is more to 'vision' than just seeing clearly up close and distant.

We need to provide ourselves and others with non-cataract spiritual vision. As the surgeon removed the mass that was clouding my lens, so too we must remove what clouds our judgement towards other people and ourselves.

Before my surgery, the doctor's assistant

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**Religious School Starts
September 11, 2020 - 9:00 AM**
Morning Assembly and Trivia Return!

Registrations forms available online

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 - 7:00 PM

Selichot: Saturday, September 17, 2022 - 7:00 pm

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES:

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 25 - 8:00 PM

Monday September 26 - 10:00 AM

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday October 4 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday October 5 - 10:00 AM

**Please note: Masks required indoors for High
Holiday Services**

Submit your Scroll of Remembrance entries online now!
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BOOK CLUB

Is on break this month for the High Holidays



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

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on how we can better serve our
members, please call the office or
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had me read the eye chart. Of the 6 letters, the 3 on the left were undecipherable for me. She aid, "you really do have cataracts. The 'cataract fog' is interfering with your letter recognition." Cataracts don't just come in a day, a week or a year. They gradually take over vision.

Spiritual cataracts work the same way. Instead of our eyes being compromised, our soul has. We don't see people, the wonderful manifestations of creation before us, because our own negative life experiences with similar people obstruct us from seeing each person's unique, 'coloration'. As I couldn't tell one letter from another on the eye chart, so to, our soul works the same way. A person who acts in a unique way that differs from our own, often elicits a negative reaction from us. The spiritual cataract clouds our inner vision.

How have we let spiritual cataracts obstruct our spirit so that we don't see the beauty, the form, the magnificence of another person? We 'read' their needs, desires, and loves, superficially and, because our spiritual vision is obstructed, we don't acknowledge the depth of the person we are talking with.

I had that happen to me last month. A former student came to me asking for a letter attesting to his being Bar Mitzvah here 8 years ago. I refused on the grounds I had not seen him in 8 years. While I was right in not wanting to give my signature to a stranger, I could have made arrangements to meet at another time, to learn about where he had been for the last 8 years, his likes, loves, hobbies and aspirations. Instead, I basically asked him to leave. I did not find out anything about his loves, especially for Israel, and his Judaism.

What good is having great external vision, if your internal vision is not giving you a clear message of what your soul is seeing?

We need, especially in this holiday season, to remove the filters from our souls. The clouds are for rain not for preventing our souls from seeing others' souls. It is taught that each of us has a spiritual flame within us. In the days, weeks, months and years to come we must help each other to fan the flame so that all may see its beautiful color. As G-d brought Noah a rainbow as a promise not to destroy the world, we must see the spiritual rainbow in all of us to keep the world alive.

B'ahava and Shana Tova,

Rabbi Mark





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - September 2022

Book Club is taking the month off in September. Our regular meeting would be right in the midst of the High Holidays and it is just too busy a time to properly devote attention to a book. It is also just too darn hot to even think of additional intellectual pursuits!



Last month our book was *Ritchie Boy Secrets* by Beverley Driver Eddy. You might have seen the 60 Minutes segment on the Ritchie Boys. The piece focused primarily on a number of Jewish refugees that turned their language skills and cultural knowledge of the Germans into a powerful weapon against Nazi Germany in World War II. Eddy's book goes well beyond the work of these Jewish heroes to describe the full extent of the mission of the Fort Ritchie operation. Some 15,000 men and women were trained at Fort Ritchie in areas of language, document examination, POW interrogation, intelligence operations, and war tactics. The background of those who went through the program were as varied as you could possibly imagine. Operations took place not only in the European Theater, but in the Pacific as well. Of course, the operations were very secret!

One of the Ritchie Boy Secrets (it can now be told) is that a veteran of the program is a member of our Temple Beth Emet family -- our own Herb Murez. While you won't find Herb listed in the index of the book, Herb did speak with Ms. Eddy for *Ritchie Boys Secrets*, and at last month's Book Club Meeting, he shared his experiences with us.

Herb related how he left Vienna to save his life as the Nazis were taking over Austria. He came to the United States and tried to join the Army, but was at first unsuccessful. Eventually he was accepted. Because he spoke German and knew the culture he was recruited to the Fort Ritchie program. As Herb put it, you can teach someone the language but you can't teach the culture.

As was the case with many of the Fort Ritchie operatives, Herb went where he was sent and did what was asked of him, relying on his life experience and training. He was in document analysis. As part of his work he once found himself examining documents which bore the signature of Adolf Hitler.

When the war ended, Herb returned to Vienna and found his uncle and aunt surviving. They related how difficult it was to get food, so Herb went to the PX and filled up his duffle bag and took it to his uncle.

When Herb left the Army, like many veterans, he did not want to discuss his experiences. But he realized how important it was for others, especially later generations, to receive a first-hand account of the events so that they might never be forgotten. Even today, he speaks to school children as part of their education about the Holocaust.

You might think that a book club would be just about reading and discussing books. In fact, our book club discussions often stray far from the text we have read to include

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sharing each of our experiences and learning more about the members of our Temple community. Sometimes, as in Herb's case, we reach out to people outside of the book club to help us fully appreciate what we have read, and in addition, we get to more fully appreciate our entire Temple family.

I hope some of you will join us when our reading adventures resume in October.

As always, on behalf of the Temple administration as well as my family and myself, I wish you *l'shanah tova tikatevu*, may it be a good and sweet year for all of us.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



September Birthdays

Bruce Bigley	September 10
Naomi Aronoff	September 26
Chloe Lava	September 27
Bonnie Friedman	September 30

We do not have a record of any anniversaries this month.



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SELICHOT

THE HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON OFFICIALLY BEGINS

Saturday, September 17, 2022 - 7:00 PM

As the season changes from summer to autumn, our Torahs don their white High Holiday covers and we come together to begin the period of self-preparation for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. It is the time for the penitential prayers called *Selichot* (prayers for forgiveness).

As we greet the new year, please join Rabbi Mark and Cantorial Soloist Robyn Kreisberg at our contemporary *Selichot* service, beginning our traditional period of inner-personal reflection and contemplation.





Temple Beth Emet of Burbank
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FROM THE SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT - Marlene Dreyfuss

The Sisterhood is going on hiatus until September. Have a great summer everyone!

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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SEPTEMBER YAHREITS

Name:	Remembered By:	Date:	Name:	Remembered By:	Date:
At Temple September 9, 2022			At Temple September 16, 2022 (Continued)		
Gertrude Altman	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	September 4	Charlotte Krongold	Rhonda Kess	September 16
Armin Wolf	The Congregation	September 4	Robert Wade	Sue Schohan	September 17
Sam Bermack	The Congregation	September 5			
Delores Flasher	Barbara Flasher	September 5	At Temple September 23, 2022		
Max Kapson	Bruce & Pat Bigley	September 6	Jerry Engelberg	The Congregation	September 19
Miriam Lazofsky	Betty Canter & Gail Arce	September 9	Evelyn Lewis	Ira Goldstein & Diane Lewis-Goldstein	September 20
			Lynnie Cannon	Howard Liebgot	September 23
			Jennie Dacher	Ron & Merry Dacher	September 23
At Temple September 16, 2022			Joe Murez	Herbert Murez	September 23
Lynnie Cannon	Howard Liebgot	September 11	Lester H. Klein	Cheryl Mundon	September 24
Sidney Friedman	Bonnie & Stuart Friedman	September 11			
Mildred Gold	The Congregation	September 12			
James Mattis	The Congregation	September 13	At Temple September 30, 2022		
Joyce Feinsilber	Bari Bucknam	September 15	Miriam Pasternack	Peter & Tammy Golper	September 25
Joyce Feinsilber	Stacy & John Rivera	September 15	Zina Lubow	The Congregation	September 28
Michael Liebgot	Howard Liebgot	September 16			

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88306033879?pwd=dFMxWIBIY09SNUVqSzAycUp0RjZRdz09>

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SEPTEMBER 2022 ELUL/TISHRAI 5782

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	1	2 7:00PM Shabbat Services	3
4	5 	6	7 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	8	9 7:00PM Shabbat Services	10
11 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon Opening session Open House 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 	12	13	14 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	15 <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	16 7:00PM Shabbat Services	17 7:00 PM Selichot Services  Selichot
18 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon	19	20 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	21 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	22	23 7:00PM Shabbat Services	24
25 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon 8:00 PM Rosh Hashanah Services 	26 10:00 AM Rosh Hashanah Services 	27	28 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	29	30	

COMING IN OCTOBER: *Lunch With the Rabbi* - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. *Shabbat Services* - Every Friday at 7:00 PM. Tuesday, October 4 - 8:00 PM - Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) - Wednesday, October 5 - 10:00 AM - Yom Kippur Morning Service, 2:30 PM - Yom Kippur Afternoon Service/Yizkor - Sunday, October 9 - Erev Sukkot - Tuesday, October 11 - 7:00 PM - Board Meeting - Friday, October 14 - 7:00 PM - Shabbat Service in Sukkah - Monday, October 17 - 6:30 pm - Yizkor, 7:00 PM - Simcha Torah Service - Wednesday, October 26 - 7:00 PM - Book Club



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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