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"The Temple With A Heart"

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"We will go armed and ready before the children of Israel! We will bring them to their place!" (Numbers 32:17).



They have been called the greatest generation, raised during the great Depression, fought to make for greater world freedom and then returned home to rebuild an America undeniably altered by those two momentous events. What did we learn from the Herb's, the Milties, the Abes, the Johns, the Rosies, the Aiyanas, the Daniels, the Henrys, the Billys, the Joes?

When I teach President Roosevelt's great Inaugural Speech of 1933, reminding us that *"the only thing we have to fear is ... fear itself"* I ask my students what is the most important word in that speech? They invariably say, "Fear!" "No!" I tell them it's "We".

Roosevelt was making a point! He knew then that it would take all of America to get out of the Depression. I believe, after reading the worlds of Hitler, Mussolini, and Hirohito, President Roosevelt knew we would be going to war against these enemies of the "We". The Axis powers upheld the exact opposite of what America stood for.

Six years after that awe inspiring speech, an Austrian Jewish teenager named Herbert arrived in the US. He went to work, he got drafted, rejected twice and much to the dismay, as he put it, of his flat feet, on the third try, was accepted for military service. The leadership of the Armed Forces, knew his value and the value

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EVERY WEDNESDAY AT NOON

<http://www.templebethemet.com/home/upcoming-events/zoom-weekly-events/>

SHABBAT SERVICE - 7:00 PM

Also streaming on our YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMGJ-6nbjGVT157IUgKFBqQ>

(Also on Zoom, see Page 11)

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 - 7:00 PM

(Zoom link on our website)

HOLLYWOOD BOWL

TICKETS ARE HERE

(CONCERT AND TICKET INFORMATION - SEE PAGE 11)



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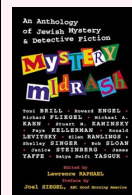


**IMPROV AND SKETCH
COMEDY FUNDRAISER**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

4:00PM TO 6:00 PM

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BOOK CLUB

WED. AUGUST 30, 2023 - 7:00 PM

**Mystery Midrash: An Anthology
of Jewish Mystery & Detective
Fiction, Lawrence W. Raphael (Ed.)**

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*New Year's Day, President's Day,
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Independence Day, Rosh Hashanah,
Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving*

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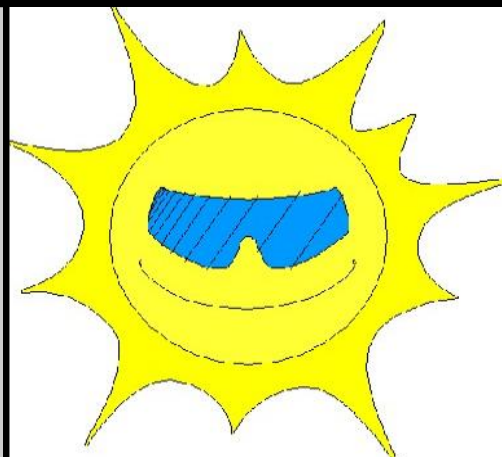
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of 20,000 of his fellow immigrants. They were sent to Camp Ritchie, Maryland for 'intelligence' training and served their adopted country well. I trust that those veterans became as much a part of America as Herb did.

Herb spent the rest of his life living out the words of President Roosevelt's speech. He lived the "We".

Often, he would ask, "What can We do to make the Temple better?" His answer was always, "Get more people!" In other words make the WE bigger.

But his We didn't just include us at Temple. Herb spent his professional life as an Attorney. He rose to be a nationally recognized Arbitrator dealing with the complexities of the Stock market and the Securities and Exchange Commission. How many people, without Herb's sense of honesty and fairness, would have felt alone and become financially isolated only to fall victims to 'Big Business'? The ultra-rich found out soon enough what the Torah says in Leviticus 19: "Do not pervert justice ... judge your neighbor fairly." Herb Did Judaism, privately and professionally!!!

More close to home, Herb, at 99+ was part of the We that walks around Lake Hollywood. No mean feat! Maybe he was able to do it because he was never mean to anyone. Don't misunderstand, Herb had strong passions, especially about himself, his family and his short pants and sandals. My grandmother, also an octogenarian, once asked her physician if she could do things her way, he told her "YOU ARE ENTITLED!" Herb was also So ENTITLED, to do what he wanted!

Herb lived the words of Hillel, "If not now When?" He was the happiest person I know when we returned to Friday night services at Temple after the pandemic. Then he could pay his respects to Frieda!! The first few minutes at Temple always were his and Frieda's alone.

But, it was not only the departed he watched over, when Hilda was doing the candle lighting for the Burbank Human Relations Council Days of Remembrance in 2021, and I had to come and photograph it for cyberspace, Herb came out of Hilda's house to make sure I found a place to park close by to take Hilda's picture. He was doing Herb, watching out for both of us.

Mystically speaking, Herb was able to watch over Hollywood and the San Fernando Valley from his 'home perch' above the Hollywood Hills. I still can't believe how well he navigated those streets. Shine or Terrible rains, he got home and called us to say he was safe.

Herb, some call you a "Ritchie Boy", but I spell it differently, 'Richie Boy', because you enriched the lives of all you came in contact with the most precious gifts of all, Love, Caring and the spirit of "WE".

Your memory will always be a blessing for WE!

B'ahava my Friend,

Rabbi Mark



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - August 2023

Some things shouldn't have to be said, or at least it used to be they didn't have to be said. Recently, an American Airlines captain took to the intercom to lay down the law to his passengers:



Remember, the flight attendants are here for your safety. After that they're here to make your flight more enjoyable. They're going to take care of you guys but you will listen to what they have to say because they represent my will in the cabin, and my will is what matters.

Be nice to each other. Be respectful to each other. I shouldn't have to say that. You people should treat people the way you want to be treated. But I have to say it every single flight because people don't. And they're selfish and rude and we won't have it.

The captain went on to admonish passengers to be respectful of each other and to use earphone when listening to their devices. Finally, in a shout-out to those in middle seats he said: "You own both armrests. That is my gift to you. Welcome on board our flight."

Maybe living through the pandemic stripped people of their social skills. Maybe we've just become a meaner society. Our political discourse certainly suggests we have. I used to think people would post things on social media that they would never say to someone's face, but maybe that line had disappeared.

It didn't used to be this way and it doesn't have to be. Looking to the year ahead there are going to be plenty of opportunities for political and social discourse to become angry, disrespectful, threatening, and dangerous. After all, 2024 will be an election year, and if partisan politics isn't enough to provoke confrontation and (God forbid) violence, the clash of social values certainly will be.

There is a quote that is attributed to several sources -- Socrates, Buddhism, the Amish, and even the late radio talk show host Bernard Meltzer: "Before you speak ask yourself if what you are going to say is true, is kind, is necessary, is helpful. If the answer is no, maybe what you are about to say should be left unsaid."

I am going to credit Meltzer because he was the son of Jewish immigrants whose father had delivered seltzer from a wagon on the Lower East Side. Not only does that stoke a sense of ethnocentric pride, but it lends a certain relevance to the quote this time of year. We are about to enter the Hebrew month of Elul, a period of spiritual renewal, reflection, and growth leading us to Rosh Hashana.

One good way to start this spiritual journey, as well as to prepare for the challenging year ahead, is to keep in mind this test of our thoughts before the opening of our mouths.

Here is an additional pertinent quote, also with various attributions: "Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them." That is good advice as well, but the real reason to temper our speech is because it is the right thing to do. After all, the important thing is not the taste our words leave in our mouths, but in the mouths of those who hear them.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



August Birthdays

Michael R. Speck	August 1
Leo Gersh	August 7
Matte Wolfson	August 7
Joshua Speck	August 13
Elias Speck	August 30

August Anniversaries

Ira Goldstein & Diane Lewis-Goldstein	August 2
Jerry & Tzipy Dash	August 8
William & Isabel Frischman	August 12
Marva & Peter Felchlin	August 15
Neil & Vicki Margolin	August 17



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sisterhood

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FROM THE SISTERHOOD TREASURER - Eileen Martin

The Sisterhood is taking a well-deserved vacation! We will be on hiatus during the summer. We look forward to resuming activities in the fall.



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. 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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Temple Beth Emet Book Club



Conducted by Barbara Harmon.

Book Club was founded by Fran Bourne Johnson Z"L*

*Her memory will always be a blessing to us.

Where:

Blum Hall at Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

When:

August 30, 2023 - 7:00PM to 8:30 PM at Temple and on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88422348913?pwd=V1OrY1ZYV05VYzdNejJoK0VCcHUxZz09>

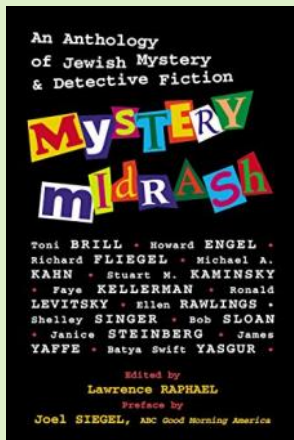
Meeting ID: 884 2234 8913 Passcode: 388498

Dial in Phone Numbers:

(669) 900-6833 US (San Jose) (346) 248-7799 US (Houston)

What book will we be reading?

Mystery Midrash, An Anthology of Jewish Mystery & Detective Fiction, edited by Lawrence W. Raphael



Synopsis:

From a corporate giant's kidnapping of a rabbi, to the disappearance of the clarinetist in a klezmer band, to four rabbis' use of their text interpretation skills to help a detective solve a murder that one of them has committed, this unique collection of mysteries will enlighten you at the same time it intrigues and entertains.

While featuring enough death and deception to keep the detective protagonists on their toes, each story presents the uncertainties that are a part of contemporary Jewish identity—inviting us all to confront our own mysteries of being. Throughout the stories' tangled puzzles and suspenseful adventures, the characters solve not only the "whodunit"-type mysteries, but also struggle to solve the mystery of their spiritual lives.

Mystery Midrash will be a lasting delight for mystery buffs of all faith traditions.

Contributors include:

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AUGUST YAHREZITS

NAME:	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:	NAME:	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:
At Temple August 4, 2023			At Temple August 18, 2023 (Continued)		
Sidney Karchmer	Linda Mazur	July 31	Moss Feldman	Pamela Franklin	August 15
Helen Segal	Naomi Aronoff	August 1	Anne Guttentag	Rabbi Mark Sobel	August 20
			Margot		
Moshe Jerzy	Reuven Jerzy	August 2	Zimmerman	Jack & Linda Kranz	August 18
Annette Abrams	Iris Abrams	August 4			
Gail Arnold	Linda & Jack Kranz	August 5			
At Temple August 11, 2023			At Temple August 25, 2023		
Helen Blum	Congregation	August 6	John Laird	Robert Bigley	August 21
Joseph R. Bayer	Fred Bayer	August 6	Sandra Ditter	Ilene & Jeff Oseas	August 21
Charlotte Kleinberg	Congregation	August 7	Charles Manners	Susie Manners	August 22
Brenda Latimore	Theida Salazar	August 10	Roz Marglin	Neil Margolin	August 26
Harry Abrams	Iris Abrams	August 10	Louis Paskin	Diane Linger	August 26
Brenda Latimore	Theida Salazar	August 10	Penny Pollard	Cindy Adkins	August 26
Anne Guttentag	Rabbi Mark Sobel	August 10	At Temple September 1, 2023		
			Jack Greenhill	Congregation	August 28
			Nathan Kaden	Ron Kaden	August 29
			Irma Shuman	Congregation	August 30
			Rachel		
Richard Rothman	Congregation	August 15	Razankova	Roni Razankova	August 31
Hannah Bolter	Shirley Abramson	August 15	Donald Goldstein	Ira & Diane Goldstein	August 31

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Take picnic dinner and maybe a bottle of wine (or two) for a wonderful evening with friends.

Tuesday, Aug. 29 BEETHOVEN AT THE BOWL

8:00 pm Two Beethoven favorites add up to a perfect night out at the Bowl. Violinist Clara-Jumi Kang performs Beethoven's transcendent *Violin Concerto*. The Italian-Brazilian conductor Simone Menezes leads the Los Angeles Philharmonic in *Symphony No. 3 "Eroica"*.

Thursday, August 31 The Four Seasons

8:00 pm The LA Phil's First Associate Concertmaster Gemma New leads the orchestra in Tchaikovsky's own interpretation of the seasons as well as a work by Jessie Montgomery that was inspired Vivaldi, concluding with Vivaldi's masterwork, the *Four Seasons*.

PLEASE NOTE: TICKETS ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED THIS SEASON DUE TO CHANGES IN THE COMMUNITY CONCERT CONNECTION PROGRAM!

For more concert and transportation information go to www.hollywoodbowl.com or call (323) 850-2000 / (323) 850-2040 (TDD)

Zoom Information for Shabbat Services

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88306033879?pwd=dFMxWlBIY09SNUVqSzAycUp0RjZRDz09>

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Passcode: 144071

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	9 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	10	11 7:00PM Shabbat Services	12
13	14	15	16 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	17	18 7:00PM Shabbat Services	19
		Chai Times Submissions Due				
20 Open House 10:00AM - 1:00PM	21	22	23 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	24	25 7:00PM Shabbat Services	26
27 Improv & Sketch Comedy Fundraiser 4:00PM - 6:00PM	28	29	30 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 7:00PM - Book Club	31		

Coming in September: *Lunch With the Rabbi - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. Shababt Services - Every Friday at 7:00 PM. Tues., Sept. 5 - 7:00 PM - Temple Board Meeting. Sat., September 9 - 7:00 PM - Selichot Services. Rosh Hashana Services- Fri., Sept. 15, 8:00PM, Sat., Sept. 16, 10:00AM. Yom Kippur Services - Sun. Sept. 24, 8:00 PM, Mon., Sept. 25, 10:00 AM - Wed., Sept. 27, 7:00PM - Book Club Fri., Sept. 29 - Erev Sukkot*



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- Bicycle Patrol



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