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“When Adar Comes, Joy Increases” (Ta’Anit 29a)

The month of Adar is the month of Purim, the most Joyous holiday in the Jewish calendar, so I want to share a joyful event of recent memory in Temple Life.



Last month on the 18th we had a musical concert. Many years ago the Temple would host concerts, but it was usually two people one of which was Naoma Goodman z”l, who later became the first woman president of our Temple and her singing partner, G-d forgive me, I can’t remember his name.

The word concert and music are about all that the two events had in common. I remember Naoma discussing the music she would sing with Rabbi Kramer, who had veto power.

The concert on the 18th was an idea generated by our Sha Na Na Tova Choir at the end of High Holidays. The only suggestion was that composer of the music be Jewish.

So began a labor of Joy and love on the part of the Choir members. Also, we extended the invitation to anyone who wanted to join us and for those in attendance that night, our new found voice buddies added, not only FANTASTIC voices to the performance but their choice of song and composer was enlightening, and frankly, FUN!

Right now in Israel, here at home and throughout the world, people are worried, scared and sad. The cliché, “Music Salves the Savage

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Zoom Information For Recurring Events (See Page 12)



EVERY FRIDAY AT NOON

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

SHABBAT SERVICES - 7:00 PM

On Zoom and streaming on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMGJ-6nbjGVT157iUgKFBgQ>

PIZZA NIGHT!

Friday, March 1, 2024 - 6:00 PM

Shabbat Services - 7:00 PM



TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - 7:00 PM

(Also on Zoom - See Page 12)

2023-24 ADULT EDUCATION JEWS OF THE WEST

March 12, 2024 - 7:00 PM

California - The Goldeneh Medina

(See Page 10, Zoom information Page 12))

PURIM CELEBRATIONS

Our multilingual Megillah Reading

Saturday, March 23 - 7:00 PM

Religious School Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 24 - 10:30 AM - Noon



BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024 - 7:00 PM

My Life, by Golda Meir

(See Page 9, Zoom Information Page 12))



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 10

Remember to “spring forward”!

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Robyn Kreisberg

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*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

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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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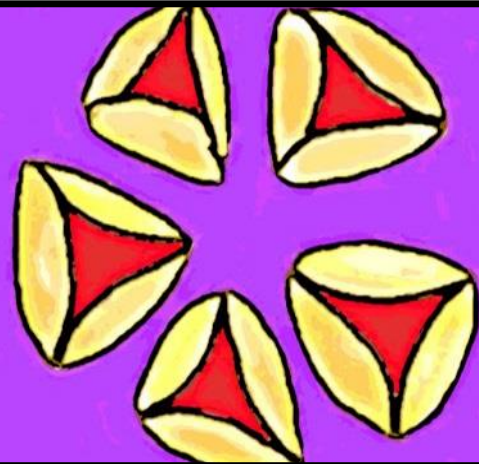
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Beast” was proven right on that night. The Joy of creating such an event and then seeing the reaction of people brought warmth to the heart. On that same level of love, old friends were reunited and new friends welcomed into the Temple Beth Emet family.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the performance, Robyn our leader and guide, the members of the Choir past and, hopefully, future (Hint, Hint!), Jennifer, Tracy, Warren, Howard, Tanya, Ian, Mark, Ruth and Kathy for an outstanding performance! David Goldstein for helping me prepare for my part. Josh Speck for making a cyber memory of the performance for all of us. Mike and Eli Speck for helping prepare the microphones and the pews. Paul Hartel for putting together the programs. Ira for welcoming everyone to the event. The sisterhood ladies for the refreshments and manning the tables, and Eileen’s idea of extending the night of music to sales of Movie memorabilia. (Someday, The Hunchback of Notre Dame photo will get a new home. I promise whoever buys it will be treated to my favorite Hunchback of Notre Dame story).

Now to the future, On Saturday Night, 23rd of March is Erev Purim. We do something a bit different here with the Megillah Reading, We read it in as many languages, as we can get volunteers to read. Maybe this year we will add a few performers to sing the traditional English-Hebrew songs or we can find some in other languages. One thing I have learned from Robyn, is that Jewish Composers come in all shapes and sizes. I am sure they sing in every language as well.

Let us bring another night of pure joy and love to the world “and let it begin with US!”

B’Ahava and Simcha,

Rabbi Mark



COME TO THE TEMPLE BETH EMET PURIM CELEBRATION!

Saturday, March 23 - 7:00 PM

Featuring members of our community reading the Meghillah in many different languages.

Costumes are encouraged for both adults and children.

There will be prizes and hamentashen!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - March 2024

Tuesday, March 5 was Super Tuesday, when 15 states, including California, held presidential primary elections. While there will be additional primary elections in other states, it is clear now who the nominees of the Democratic and Republican parties for president will be.



It used to be that presidential campaigns did not start in earnest until after Labor Day in September. That isn't the case this year. It is going to be a long ordeal until November. We can expect to be bombarded with media coverage both serious and outlandish, with advertising that will be crushing both sensorily and physically. Our mailboxes will explode with smiling faces of candidates and the glaring visages of their opponents. Our email will balloon with requests for contributions and support. We're just getting over the primary election deluge! We can't expect to get much of a break.

In addition to electing a president, we will also be electing a new senator, congressional representatives, state senators and Assembly members, county and city officials, and judges. There are also at this time 11 state propositions to consider.

I'm a bit of a political junkie, but I have to admit, it is overwhelming.

Elections have consequences, and we, the electorate, are the authors of those consequences. It is incumbent upon each of us, therefore, to make informed and considered choices in November. How do we do this? First and foremost, make sure you are registered to vote. Then, I suggest that we educate ourselves on the role each of these elective positions play in our American society. We give ourselves a refresher civics course.

In evaluating candidates, we should examine the values each of them espouses and how those values comport with our own. What purpose do they see for their desired position? What is their vision for the future of our city, county, state, or nation? What is the main thrust of their argument for their own election? Are we comfortable with the way they speak about those who disagree with them -- not only their opponents, but their opponents' supporters. Do they reassure us or make us anxious?

When evaluating propositions, I encourage you to look closely at who is supporting or opposing each one. Not just the names of the organizations, which can be misleading, but look at who is behind those organizations and particularly where the money is coming from. Some of this information will be in the Voter Information Guide from the California Secretary of State.

Finally, take in the opinion of those around you. Here in Southern California we have two daily newspapers with very different political positions. Many of us are on social media and follow groups whose values mirror our own. We shouldn't allow these opinions to determine our voting choices, but rather to allow them to inform our choices.

It is going to be a long election season, but we only need look at some other countries to realize just how fortunate we are to be able to freely reach our own conclusions and register by ballot our own choices.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

<i>Jack McKinnon</i>	<i>March 6</i>
<i>Logan Bigley</i>	<i>March 7</i>
<i>Samantha Solomons</i>	<i>March 7</i>
<i>Nikole White</i>	<i>March 10</i>
<i>Jessica Berger</i>	<i>March 11</i>
<i>Cheyenne Goldfarb</i>	<i>March 16</i>
<i>Lucas Franklin</i>	<i>March 26</i>
<i>Charles Langer</i>	<i>March 28</i>

We are unaware of any March anniversaries



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FROM THE SISTERHOOD TREASURER - Eileen Martin

At our recent meeting we discussed the upcoming Temple Purim Celebration. Some of us will be bringing snacks to supplement the usual hamentashen. After the meeting, we bonded over lunch at the Fish Grill.

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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MARCH YAHRZEITS

Table with columns: NAME, REMEMBERED BY, DATE, NAME, REMEMBERED BY, DATE. Includes sub-sections: At Temple March 1, 2024; At Temple March 8, 2024; At Temple March 15, 2024; At Temple March 22, 2024; At Temple March 29, 2024.

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http://www.templebethemet.com/social-action/donations/



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: **Wednesday, March 27, 2024**
7:00PM to 8:30 PM at Temple and on Zoom

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

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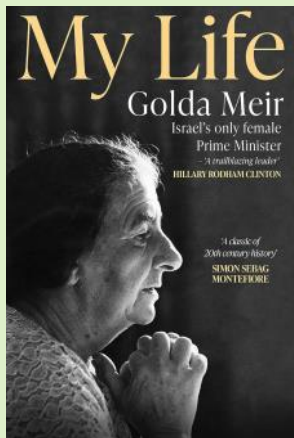
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What book will we be reading?

My Live

by Golda Meir



Synopsis:

Golda Meir was without doubt one of the most incredible women of her - and any - time. Born in 1898 in Kyiv, she was the daughter of an impoverished carpenter - and became the first (and only) female Prime Minister of Israel. Meir's earliest memory is of her father boarding up the front door in response to rumours of an imminent pogrom. The family emigrated to the US and for a while Meir lived with her sister, where she was exposed to debates on Zionism, women's suffrage, literature and socialism. She became a teacher, and after her marriage emigrated again to Palestine, settling on a kibbutz.

Always politically active, she became Israel's first envoy to Moscow; was promoted to Foreign Minister and ultimately elected as Prime Minister, leader of Israel. In her autobiography she wrote: 'To me, being Jewish means and has always meant being proud to be part of a people that has maintained its distinct identity for more than 2,000 years, with all the pain and torment that has been inflicted upon it' .

Courtesy of Amazon



ADULT EDUCATION SERIES 2023-2024

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FINAL SESSION OF THE SERIES:

MARCH 12, 2024 - CALIFORNIA

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MARCH 2024 ADAR I / ADAR II 5784

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 12:00 Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 6:00 PM Pizza Night 7:00 PM Shabbat Services 	2
3 9:00 AM Religious School Regular Session	4	5 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	6	7	8 12:00 Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	9
10 9:00 AM Religious School Regular Session SPRING  FORWARD	11	12 7:00 PM Adult Education	13	14	15 12:00 Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 7:00 PM Shabbat Services <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	16
17 9:00 AM Religious School Regular Session	18	19  The First Day of Spring	20	21	22 12:00 Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 7:00PM Shabbat Services	23 6:00 Temple Purim Celebration 
24 9:00 AM Religious School 	25	26	27 7:00PM - Book Club 	28	29 12:00 Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 7:00PM Shabbat Services	30
31 9:00 AM Religious School Regular Session						

Coming in April: Lunch With the Rabbi - Every Friday at Noon via Zoom. Shababt Services - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.
 Tues. April 2 - 7:00 PM - Temple Board Meeting - Fri., April 5 - 6:00 PM - Pizza Night, 7:00 PM - Shabbat Services -
 Mon. April 22 - Passover Begins at Sundown - Wed. April 24 - 7:00 PM - Book Club.



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- ♦ Employer lives in Van Nuys and is a 59 year-old woman - Member of Temple Beth Emet,
- ♦ Caregiver needed 6 days a week, 38 hours 37 minutes a week. Prefer Afternoons.
- ♦ IHSS will pay \$18.00 and hour.
- ♦ Willing to be flexible on hours.

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Lunch With The Rabbi – Fridays 12:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86873080719?pwd=cjlzcWNZNnNFSXJSTGNTRWJIS0pOdz09>

Meeting ID: 868 7308 0719 - Password: 410358

Shabbat Services Every Friday at 7:00 PM

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

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Temple Board Meeting/Annual Membership Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85673588260?pwd=MzcvSEpqdVJ0b2VETHBCUkiSaVROdz09>

Meeting ID: 856 7358 8260 - Passcode: 558930

Adult Education Sessions

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82466952111?pwd=akJnaHN1eFdQajNBVmNSNXNBMzhxdz09>

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Book Club

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