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Chai Times

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"The Temple With A Heart"

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"(T)he right of the people PEACEABLY to assemble".
(First Amendment to the US Constitution)



This month we celebrate Passover, The time of Freedom. Many people have very different views of what freedom represents. These past few months with the Israel-Hamas war destroying lives in horrifying numbers, people have shown how they view freedom. In America, the First Amendment to the constitution and our interpretation of it has led to much conflict and little resolution," My Way or the Highway" has become my Yelling voice is the only Voice." My Rights are the only Rights!

When in doubt, I look to our Scriptures for guidance! In the Haggadah, the book we read at the Passover Seder is the story of the four children (sons).

The wise child, the "evil" child, the simple child, and the child who does not know to ask. While we normally focus on the "Evil" child who separates himself from the family, we should look at how all deal with freedom.

The Wise child asks about all the laws of Passover, not really concerned with his own freedom but with the Freedom of people. How do we co-ordinate freedom with the restraint of laws? That is his query!

The Simple child, who basically asks what is Freedom? and the response of the leader of the Seder is to describe what G-d has given us

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Zoom Information For Recurring Events

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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-6nbjGVT157iUgKFBqQ>

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 - 7:00 PM

(Also on Zoom - See Page 11)

PIZZA NIGHT!

Friday, April 5, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Shabbat Services - 7:00 PM



PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN

April 22, 2024



BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Last Summer at the Golden Hotel,
By Elyssa Friedland

(See Page 8. Zoom Information Page 11)



PASSOVER YIZKOR SERVICE

Tuesday, April 30, 2024
6:00 PM

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First day of Pesach, Memorial Day,
Independence Day, Rosh Hashanah,
Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving*

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Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

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Editable article submissions, photos and feedback are encouraged and due by the 15th of the month and may be emailed to:

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to make us free! A parallel in the Talmud is the comment that a man should be happy in his portion in life. If you can be free to appreciate what you have, you don't need to violently protest your lot or others' freedom.

The Child Who Does Not Know to Ask is unaware of the freedoms we have. We are to show that child what freedoms there are for us to partake in, the spiritual food that nourishes our souls.

Now to that problem child! His remarks are harsh. It reminds me of these recent days when people, instead of trying to come together for a solution to the war instead are calling for more bloodshed. The answer to this evilness comes in the answer of the Haggadah leader,

“Accordingly, you will set his teeth on edge (*hak'heh et shinav*), and say to him, “**For the sake of this (community), God wrought for me in my going out of Egypt**” (Shemot 13:8). ‘**For me**’ and not ‘for him.’ If he (the Evil one) had been there, he would not have been redeemed.”

The answer to using the First Amendment violently is that when this War is over and the Peace Process has begun, the “Evil Ones” will not be able to ‘redeem’ themselves, for they can't release themselves from their anger. And the opposite of Freedom will be the prisons they have put themselves into.

When celebrating Passover this year, let us all pray for freedom for those who are imprisoned in the jails of anger and violence and who can join the community of lovers of the First amendment and of Passover.

B'ahava v'Herutainu (Freedom),

Rabbi Mark





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - April 2024

Recently Diane and I attended a concert at the Soraya, the performing arts center at CSU Northridge. If you haven't been there, I strongly recommend you check out its offerings. It is a magnificent building inside and out, and a real gem of the San Fernando Valley.



Diane is a member of the CSUN's Association of Retired Faculty and its members were invited to attend a reception and concert honoring former CSUN President, Jolene Koester, who was instrumental in getting the Soraya built. The concert was a performance of the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, with its director Joshua Bell as violin soloist. It was a wonderful concert and the audience was very appreciative. We've seen Joshua Bell several times at the Hollywood Bowl as part of our Temple Summer Concert Series and the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields has been part of our own music collection for many years.

One of the pieces featured in the concert was a favorite of mine, Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto in E Minor*. I've been listening to it all my life. My father would play a record with Isaac Stern as soloist and I pretty much know each note, each beat -- including the skip on the record at some point near the beginning. I have it on CD, and while it doesn't have the skip it is special to me nonetheless.

The Concerto is well-known as a test of the violinist's skill, and there is a particular passage that is incredibly complex and difficult. It is one of those *how-do-they-even-play-that* passages. When we saw Joshua Bell at the Bowl he had indicated he was going to depart from the original composition and substitute this particular passage for one of his own construction. His was admittedly brilliant, a requisite display of dexterity by a master of his instrument and craft. But it wasn't *right*. He did the same at the Soraya without explanation. It still wasn't right, and when we got home I pulled out Isaac Stern and rinsed my ears out with the **correct** version.

Often the way we learned something stays with us as the only, or at least the best way to do something. The way we conduct our religious services, for example. I like to say that we train our Bnei Mitzvah students so well they can walk into any Jewish congregation and know that the way the congregation is doing the service isn't *right*. Jewish prayer melodies, even within congregations that are all Orthodox, Conservative, or Reform, can vary. Sometimes slightly, such as a where a sentence is broken or if the voice raises or lowers, sometimes significantly. But usually the result is harmonization rather than dissonance.

Even the way we celebrate Passover or conduct a Seder can vary from family to family. For some of us the *Seder According to Maxwell House* is the one true version. In my family my father often declared that anything after the meal was optional, except maybe the remaining glasses of wine. Our friends we visit for Seder have a more modern Haggadah, with additional points for discussion in the margins. There are many variations and adaptations of the Haggadah, as the Seder is traditionally a family home celebration. Different families have different traditions and needs. Type "Haggadah" in the Amazon search bar and it returns over 1,000 results!

The point is, whatever version of any interpretive work you encounter, you should try to take something positive from it. You should find joy and meaning in it. You should try to learn something from it. You should enjoy the sharing of it with those around you. Even if you know in your heart it isn't *right*.

Chag Pesach Sameach, Happy Passover to you and yours, no matter which Haggadah you encounter!

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



April Birthdays

Cooper Brody	April 3
David Zollman	April 7
Alex Gordon	April 8
Barbara Harmon	April 9
Martha Sousa	April 9
Marlene Dreyfuss	April 16
Eileen Martin	April 16
Philip Davis	April 21
Sophia Dorfman	April 24
Robin Faerber	April 24
Owen Gersh	April 25
Isaac Flores	April 27
Charlie Constantine	April 28

April Anniversaries

Deb S. Cohen & Bryna P. Schreier	April 8
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FROM THE SISTERHOOD TREASURER - Eileen Martin

The Sisterhood is having a quiet month while our members finish their tax returns and prepare for Passover. We wish you all *chag Pesach sameach*, a very Happy Passover.

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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APRIL YAHREZITS

Name:	Remembered By:	Date:	Name:	Remembered By:	Date:
At Temple April 5, 2024			At Temple April 19, 2024 (Continued)		
Phyllis Mehlman	The Congregation	April 1	Jan Burns	James P. Small	April 18
Margot Palmer	Marlene Dreyfuss	April 1	Doris Linger	Diane Linger	April 19
Matilda Bayer	Fred & Margaret Bayer	April 2	Elisa Gally	The Congregation	April 19
Charles Jones	Lois Jones	April 2			
Edith Lapidus	Barry & Vicenta Verdi	April 5	At Temple April 26, 2024		
Philip Levinson	The Congregation	April 6	Joseph Friedman	The Congregation	April 20
			Anthony Mendez	Elizabeth Postal	April 21
			Suzanne Galland	Pamela Franklin	April 21
At Temple April 12, 2024			John Manocchia	The Congregation	April 22
Hanne Elaine Basskin	The Congregation	April 7	Anne Goldstein	Ira Goldstein & Diane Lewis-Goldstein	April 22
William Saunders	James P. Small	April 9	Al Canter	Betty Canter & Gail Arce	April 23
David Levinson	The Congregation	April 10	Miriam Dubinsky	Bennett & Peggy Kayser	April 23
Rachel Gil	Fred & Margaret Bayer	April 11	Miriam Grunner	Shirley Abramson	April 25
Roberto Rachilewski	Silvia Berger	April 11	Esther Shagan Klein	Cheryl Mundon	April 26
Fannie Zimmer	The Congregation	April 12	Lucy Rafaeli	The Congregation	April 26
Jeremy Kranz	Linda Kranz	April 15			
Stanley Altman	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	April 15	At Temple May 3, 2024		
			James Sloves	Myra Sloves	April 29
At Temple April 19, 2024			Sheila Altman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	April 30
Anna Osbaum	Marjorie Jacobs	April 16			
Paz Montalvo	Jodessa Bayer	April 17			

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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: **Wednesday, April 24, 2024**
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

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What book will we be reading?

Last Summer at the Golden Hotel - by Elyssa Friedland

Synopsis:

A family reunion for the ages when two clans convene for the summer at their beloved getaway in the Catskills—perfect for fans of *Dirty Dancing* and *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*—from the acclaimed author of *The Floating Feldmans*.

In its heyday, The Golden Hotel was the crown jewel of the hotter-than-hot Catskills vacation scene. For more than sixty years, the Goldman and Weingold families – best friends and business partners – have presided over this glamorous resort which served as a second home for well-heeled guests and celebrities. But the Catskills are not what they used to be – and neither is the relationship between the Goldmans and the Weingolds. As the facilities and management begin to fall apart, a tempting offer to sell forces the two families together again to make a heart-wrenching decision. Can they save their beloved Golden or is it too late?



Long-buried secrets emerge, new dramas and financial scandal erupt, and everyone from the traditional grandparents to the millennial grandchildren wants a say in the hotel's future. Business and pleasure clash in this fast-paced, hilarious, nostalgia-filled story, where the hotel owners rediscover the magic of a bygone era of nonstop fun even as they grapple with what may be their last resort. Courtesy of Amazon



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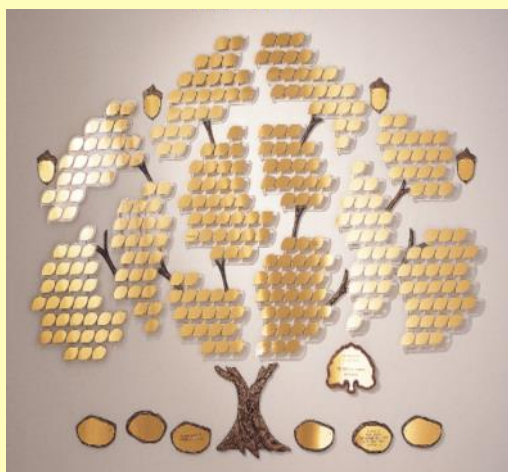
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Purchasing a leaf on the **June Beck Tree of Life** in our Temple foyer is a wonderful way to give thanks when celebrating the birth of a child or grandchild, a milestone birthday or anniversary, a wedding, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, or any other simcha!

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	3	4	5 12:00 Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 6:00 PM Pizza Night 7:00 PM Shabbat Services 	6
7 9:00 AM Religious School Regular Session	8	9	10	11	12 12:00 Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	13
14 9:00 AM Religious School Regular Session	15 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	16	17	18	19 12:00 Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	20
21 9:00 AM Religious School Passover Celebration/Seder	22  Passover Eve First Seder	23  Passover I Second Seder	24 7:00PM - Book Club  Passover II	25  Passover III	26 12:00 Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 7:00PM Shabbat Services  Passover IV	27  Passover V
28 No Religious School Passover Break  Passover VI	29  Passover VII	30 6:00 PM - Yizkor Service  Passover VIII				

Coming in May: Lunch With the Rabbi - Every Friday at Noon via Zoom. Shababt Services - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.
 Fri., May 3 - 6:00 PM - Pizza Night, Shabbat Services - 7:00 PM - Mon, May 6, 2024 - Yom HaShoah -
 Tues. May 7 - 7:00 PM - Temple Board Meeting - Mon. May 13, 2024 - Yom HaZikaron
 Tues. May 14 - Israel Independence Day - Sun, May 26 - Lag BaOmer - Wed. May 29 - 7:00 PM - Book Club.



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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>

Meeting ID: 883 0603 3879 - Passcode: 144071

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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