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### Rabbi Says:

“May we all come together in Harmony, And Let us say Amen”.  
(Union Prayer book)

Many years ago, a colleague of mine advised me as Rabbi never to apologize or to admit being wrong. As you all know, I didn't listen to him then and have apologized to the congregation several times over the past 12 years since I became Rabbi.



Once again, I have to apologize, this time in reference to the school. On September 13, our first day of the year, we had, what I hope will be a lasting tradition, a school open house.

There were representatives of the Men's Club and the Sisterhood, the PTA, several members of the Board of Directors as well as the President of the Temple. All interfaced with parents of our children while the students were in their classes. At the end of the day, we all had some brunch together.

Now, I have to apologize because I was strongly against such a program because I felt it would disrupt the first day of school when the teachers and the students are just getting to know each other, where we are registering late comers and the staff and myself are trying to correct any new problems of the school year. I think I opposed it so strongly, also, because like most teachers, I like my domain being maintained. In other words, most teachers like teaching because it gives them a domain, their classroom, where they are at least benevolent monarchs. When you become an administrator, that feeling of monarchical domain increases. The idea that at least 10 or more Temple leaders would be invading my space was at least daunting at most annoyingly terrifying.

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Sunday, November 2, 2008  
The Grand  
“50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” Gala  
you have been waiting for !!  
Call the office to order your  
tickets

**Sukkot** begins  
Tuesday, October 14, 2008



Joyfully celebrate  
**Simchat Torah**  
with us on Tuesday, October  
21, 2008

Thursday, November 6, 2008  
7:30 PM  
First in a series of Adult Education  
programs entitled  
“**The Great Religions of the  
World**”  
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**Rabbi Mark H. Sobel.**

November topic “**Judaism**”

# President's message

Dear friends and fellow temple members,



Here we are again, about to begin a new year! Yesterday, our Hebrew School started with an enthusiastic group of parents and kids and this year will be the best year ever.

Our Hebrew School, an integral part of Jewish education, follows a tradition that has been maintained for thousands of years and is one of the reasons our religion and our culture have survived. Even in the most horrid situations, we have passed our faith, knowledge, and traditions from one generation to the next – and thus we live on. While watching yesterday's Back to School gathering, I couldn't help but enjoy the ease with which we brought about this event. No one required us to seek permission to gather or request a permit, let alone tell us we could not meet.

This is a far different experience from what other members of our faith have experienced in the past and in some other places even today. In Tsarist Russia of the 1800's, it was not uncommon for the Cossacks to raid Jewish settlements and steal boys as young as five or six. These terrified children were placed into the Russian army and indoctrinated into being soldiers and Christians.

Despite the risks to their own lives, a brave Jewish underground existing within the army would find the stolen children and continue their education and identity as Jews. My great-grandfather Reuben was of these children. He vanished from a little town named Nimerov in the Ukraine. Thirty years later when he was discharged from the army, he brought home a Chinese wife who converted to Judaism. Thus, my family continued as Jews.

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\*May his memory be a blessing."

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or by delivery to the Temple office. Articles will be published based on space available, relevant content, and at the discretion of the Editing Staff, Temple Officers and Directors.

## Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are always in order for happy or sad occasions. These cards are a wonderful way to remember or honor someone. The cost of our Tribute cards is now \$3.00 each.

If you would like to send a card, just contact our Tribute Chairperson, John Eisinger at 818-842-5439, and he will do the rest.

If you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can better serve our members, Temple President, Mark Greenfield would like to hear from you. He can be reached at (818)749-2839 or you can call Temple office at (818) 843-4787.

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**Rabbi Says:** (Continued from page 1)

What turned out happening though is that the teachers got to know the parents as well as the children in their classroom, we registered all comers. Some we missed but we followed up after and registered the rest and with the assistance of the PTA members and the Board of Directors, I had more than enough help with whatever problem came up. More so, I saw the different communities of the Temple society come together for the common good. The sight and sound of students, teachers, parents and Temple Board Members making Kiddush together is a sight that will never leave my consciousness.

All, though, did not go as planned. We planned on a day of communication from our teachers to our parents, from our children to their teachers and from and to the Board members to everyone who was there. What we got in addition were two couples who saw the sign and came looking for a temple. I am very happy to say, they found us and we found them.

On Yom Kippur when we take time to remember our mistakes in judgment, I will remember my opposition to the school open house idea and ask G-d to forgive my short sightedness and to give me the gift of divine vision, so I will not be so quick to judge others' ideas. I will try to see others plans for the temple and I will visualize their success.

G'mar Hatimah Tova (May you be inscribed in the Book of Life)

B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark



## **Happy Anniversary**

### **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

*Sandra & Joel Coler*

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**Sunday, November 16, 2008  
Mitzvah Day**

# Temple Member Chai Lights

## PROUD GRANDPARENTS

Joyce & Bill Feinsilber's 14 year old granddaughter, **Marisa Bucknam**, returned on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from a week in Detroit for the **Maccabi Games 2008**.

Marisa came back winning **7 MEDALS: 2 GOLD, 4 SILVER AND 1 BRONZE**. These were won in Track and Field - The 100 Meter, 400 Meter and Relay Races.

Marisa will be entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade going to Northridge Academy High School on the campus of CSUN.

Marisa is also an avid soccer player and is hoping her new school will have a team so she can participate.

## Mitzvah of *bikkur holim*

We would like to know if you are ill, in the hospital (or being treated at home), not as an exercise in gossip, but as an opportunity for *bikkur holim*, to extend a helping hand or a word of encouragement to the sick person.

Yet it is quite possible you are not yet ready to share the private fact of being sick with us. We are ready, whenever, you are ready.

**Remember the sick with cards, calls & visits.**

**Lee Stacel, Nate Lubow and Bill Feinsilber** have been in the hospital. **Vicki Margolin** had surgery. **Fran Bernstein** has been on the sick list as well. We wish them all a speedy return to good health.

## Welcome New Members

*Flo Mazzei*

*Sandra Lewin and daughter Isabella*

*Helen Lott*

*Barbara and Morris Bolter*

*Deborah and Reno Goodale and their daughter Alexandra*

*Valarie and Michael Spencer and their daughters Sierra and Madison*

We are pleased to welcome you as members of Temple Beth Emet and are delighted that you have joined us. It is our hope that the benefits of membership will meet your needs and exceed your expectations.

Rabbi Mark is putting together a tour of Israel for December of 2009. If you are interested in going, call the Temple and leave your name and telephone number with Lucy or Sylvia.

## Temple Beth Emet Community Needs

- ◆ Are you in need of employment?
- ◆ Are you in need of someone to employ?
- ◆ Do you need help with chores?
- ◆ Do you have housing needs, vehicle needs or miscellaneous needs?

This column was created to assist members in finding help with their needs. If you would like to place an announcement in this column, call the office and describe the need in 25 words or less, leave a suitable telephone number and your first name. We will post it in the next month's Chai Times for two issues.

Congratulations to **Yvonne Beltzer** for winning an Emmy at The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences 60<sup>th</sup> Los Angeles Area Emmy Awards.

**Need a plumber to fix sprinklers  
Call Mina at (818) 992-1314.**

## **Sisterhood Sidelines....**

Thank you, thank you, thank you, to **Beth Rosen** for arranging the School Registration program on September 13<sup>th</sup>. It was highly successful. She did a spectacular job and had everything running smoothly. Many thanks as well to all the PTA mothers who helped Toby in the kitchen. This was deeply appreciated.

**Fall into that Feel-Good Feeling.** After a long summer and with the rapid approach of busy fall, it's tempting to take a breather. But we're all about keeping things moving. That's why you'll see Sisterhood back in action with new and some of your old favorite activities. Our first event will be a Hanukkah Brunch. More on this later so keep your eye out for flyers and information in this newsletter.

### **Welcome new sisterhood members**

**Norma Pleites,  
Andrea McKinnon,  
Jodi Gross,  
Marie Fischer,  
Natalie Greenfield and  
Jackie Golden**

We're so happy you joined our group. Here at Sisterhood we have one thing in common – to do our best to help build a better temple and a better Jewish environment. Being a part of sisterhood is a major mitzvah.

**Reminder....**It's time to renew your membership. If you haven't already done so, please call Ruth Glick at 818-780-0134

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## **MEN'S CLUB IN THE NEWS**

First, let us wish all Temple members a very happy New Year. The Men's Club would like to remind all members that while we fast on Yom Kippur, many other are in need of the food we passed up. All non-perishable food items will again be collected on Yom Kippur. Go into your pantry, visit your favorite grocer, do whatever it takes to bring and donate food for those in need. Your donations go to feed the hungry at the Burbank Temporary Aid, the Jewish Store Front, St. Jude's food bank and Valley Village Home For The Trainable Mentally Retarded. My trailer will again be in the courtyard at St. Jude's waiting for your donations. Please, please, let's fill my trailer this year.

Our next regular meeting will be on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM for breakfast and 10:15 AM for the meeting.

### **I'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH**

By the time you read this, I will have purchased my ticket for the biggest event in Temple Beth Emet's history. You know what I'm talking about. Our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is less than two months away. Have **YOU** purchased your ticket yet? What are **YOU** waiting for?

The anniversary committee has gone to a lot of trouble to make this a great event. I know you don't want to miss it. Send in that check or contact the office, (818) 843-4787, and charge it on your credit card. We need your support.

The silent auction will be even bigger and better than last year. Find that item or gift you've been looking for. Let's put Temple Beth Emet in the **BLACK** for the first time in many years. Support your Temple, buy your ticket and bring your "pocket change" for the silent auction.

*Jerry Engelberg*

**Consider sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat**  
**Everyone has something  
to celebrate!**  
**Call office to set the date.**

2008		October		5769
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
			1 6:30 PM Cribbage Club	
5	6	7	8 <i>Erev Yom Kippur</i>	
12	13 <i>Columbus Day</i>	14 <i>1st day Sukkot</i> 7:30 PM Temple Board Meeting (members in good standing are welcome)	15 6:30 PM Cribbage Club	
19	20	21 7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting (Note new time this month only) 7:30 PM <i>Simchat Torah</i> services	22 6:30 PM Cribbage Club <i>Simchat Torah</i>	
26 9:30 AM Men's Club Meeting and breakfast	27	28	29 6:30 PM Cribbage Club	
2 6:00 PM 50th Anniversary Gala at Castaway Restaurant	3	4	5	

2008		October		5769	
Thurs		Friday		Saturday	
2		<b>3</b> <b>7:30 PM Shabbat Services</b>  <b>Oneg Shabbat hosted by</b> <b>Sandra Lewin</b> <b>In honor of</b> <b>Isabella Lewin receiving her Hebrew</b> <b>name</b>		<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM Religious School</b>	
<b>9</b>  <b><i>Yom Kippur</i></b>		<b>10</b> <b>7:30 PM Shabbat Services</b>  <b>Oneg Shabbat hosted by</b> <b>Bea Satmary</b> <b>In honor of</b> <b>Elliott Whitecotton's Bar Mitzvah</b>		<b>11</b> <b>9:00 AM Religious School</b>  <b>Elliott Whitecotton Bar Mitzvah</b>	
16		<b>17</b> <b>7:30 PM Shabbat Services</b>		<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM Religious School</b>	
23		<b>24</b> <b>7:30PM Shabbat Services</b> <b>Junior Choir Performing</b>  <b>Oneg Shabbat hosted by</b> <b>Stacey Rivera</b> <b>in honor of</b> <b>Matthew Rivera's Bar Mitzvah</b>		<b>25</b>  <b>9:00 AM Religious School</b>  <b>Matthew Rivera Bar Mitzvah</b>	
30		<b>31</b> <b>7:30PM Shabbat Service</b>		<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM Religious School</b>	
6		<b>7</b> <b>7:30 PM Shabbat Services</b>		<b>8</b> <b>9:00 AM Religious School</b>	





**PHOTOGRAPHY AS ART  
COMES TO THE GALA**

Digital Photography has made everyone a photographer, but not all photographers are artists. This is what photographer Harvey Branman told me recently as we discussed his art. Mr. Branman will be providing photographic services at the Temple Beth Emet gala on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. People attending the gala will have a rare opportunity to purchase commemorative photos from a true master.

Mr. Branman, who is the proprietor of "Photography as Art", 1307 N. San Fernando Blvd in Burbank, is truly an artist. He has always been interested in photography and after 30 years in the meat and produce business, he decided to follow his heart and open a studio. That was 15 years ago.

He focuses on portraits and has been the photographer at many weddings in Burbank and the San Fernando Valley. But now, he is taking his art a step further. He has been working on a coffee table book featuring couples who've been married for many years. He hopes to show marriage as an art through his photos.

So when you come to the gala, be sure to look for Harvey Branman and get a photo that you'll cherish for many years.

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# Havurahs!



## **New Havurah Group Forming**

We are currently looking for **families with Hebrew School age children** to develop new friendships while having fun.

See flyer in Temple foyer. Call Ruth Glick at (818) 780-9134 if interested in starting this new and exciting HAVURAH.

007 Havurah and Simcha/L'Chaim Havurah will be meeting after Yom Kippur services on October 9th to break the fast.

**President's Message:** (Continued from page 2)

We must continue to support Jewish education, not as a luxury to be scheduled around birthday parties, sports, and the many distractions we face, but as a necessity to preserve our culture and religion. This temple and this school will live up to its promise only with your help. Our kids learn far more from our attitudes and behaviors than from just our words. Show them that religion and culture are important to you. Lots of opportunities exist and new ideas are welcomed. Be an active part of your children's Jewish experience.

Sincerely,  
Mark Greenfield

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## **Adult Education Series**

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November 6, 2008 **Judaism**  
*Thursday*

December 2, 2008 **Islam**  
*Tuesday*

January 6, 2009 **Christianity**  
*Tuesday*

February 3, 2009 **Buddhism**  
*Tuesday*

March 3, 2009 **Hinduism**  
*Tuesday*

All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m.  
No Charge – Donations Welcome

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Kyle Orleman has a "Knitting for Vets" project going. She knits hats for patients at the Veterans Hospital to be used by oncology patients, vets with head injuries, etc.; and lap robes for amputees. If you have yarn to donate or if you would like to do some knitting yourself call Temple office and we will put you in touch with Kyle..

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	<u>Welcomer</u>	<u>Candle Blessing</u>
Oct. 3	Neil Margolin	Vicki Margolin
10	Lisa De Luca	Bea Satmary
17	Shirley Abramson	Arda Paley
24	Ira Goldstein	Stacey Rivera
31	Ruth Glick	Rosa Zevallos
	<u>Scriptures</u>	<u>Kiddush</u>
Oct. 3	Jerry Engelberg	
10		Elliott Whitecotton
17	Kyle Blumbury	
24		Matthew Rivera
31	Cesar Zevallos	

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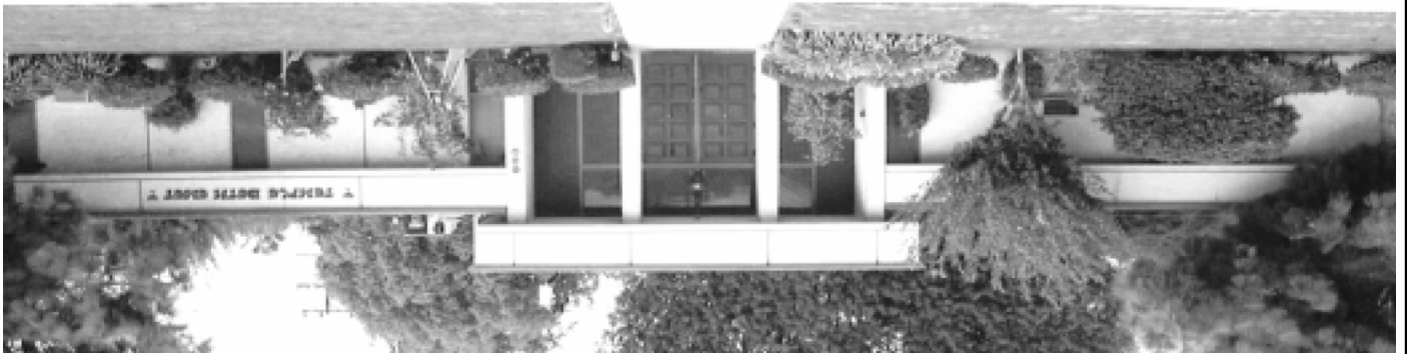
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