



CHAI TIMES

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Rabbi Says:

“ One generation passes and another comes”.
(Ecclesiastes 1:4)



One of my activities as rabbi of the congregation is visiting the sick. And sometimes as I am traveling to the hospital or to a home I think how our view of sickness and those who are ill has changed. Maybe it is because the natures of our diseases are different, cancer has replaced cholera, and cardio-vascular disease has replaced conjunctivitis (pink eye) and phlebitis the flu. These diseases are long term not brief in duration and may have long periods of rehabilitation or hospice care.

That is why I want to share with you a situation that presented itself to me last month. I decided quite suddenly to visit one of our members in the hospital. My other duties had ended in such a way that I had some free time to visit and because it was a terminal hospice situation, I took my prayer book with me to say “Vidui” (confession). (Yes there is a Jewish prayer of confession that can be uttered outside of Yom Kippur). So, fully ‘armed’, I rode up the elevator and upon arriving at the proper floor, started to walk down the hallway towards the room. Across from the room I was greeted by the daughter and son-in-law of the hospice patient, but in addition, the married grandchildren, the parents of the grandson-in-law, and the great grandson of our member. The family and I sat outside the room and chatted for a minute and then it was time for me to say my prayers. As I walked into the room, our temple member, who I was told was under a heavy morphine drip and comatose, was lying in bed with her eyes open looking intently at her great grandson. More importantly, he was talking to her. He was telling her, I believe, about his day and about how much

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Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:30 PM

Adult Education

5th in a series of classes conducted
By Rabbi Mark Sobel on the
History of Jewish Women.

This month’s topic will be
**The Kabbalah and Women—
The Shekiana**

Come listen & participate in this
fascinating series

Friday, February 5 at 7:00 PM

New Member Welcome Night

Saturday, February 27



Purim Carnival

Friday, March 5, 2010 at 6:00 PM

Join us for
Shabbat.



Shabbat Across America/Canada

President's message

In the days immediately following the earthquake in Haiti I was transfixed watching the coverage of the devastation and suffering in the heavily populated area of Port-au-Prince. Television, especially cable news, has made this a very small world indeed and the impact of this tragedy was strongly felt. I watched as the correspondents described how an area that had practically nothing now had even that taken away. In the poorer areas of the city people had lived in houses built of concrete blocks, one literally on top of another. In an instant, the entire neighborhood – a slum really – toppled down on itself like dominos. All over the city buildings had collapsed. Rich and poor, churches, government buildings, businesses, all gone.

As I sat in my comfortable recliner watching the horror unfold on my color television in my intact home I was overcome with a feeling of helplessness. Here were people in great need of help and I was so far away and could do nothing. It was heartening to see Los Angeles County Search and Rescue teams mobilizing to fly off and help but I still felt the need to do something and not just be a spectator to the calamity. As the flood of relief efforts began to build I opened the web browser on the computer and went to the Red Cross website. I made a donation to the Haiti Relief and Development Fund. It wasn't a particularly large donation. Like many of us my family has been affected by the current economic situation. But after I had made the donation I felt a little better. I had done something.

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Article submissions are welcomed and may be emailed directly to the Chai Times at

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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 and the Board would like to hear from you. Call Temple office at (818) 843-4787 and leave a message.

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**May his memory be a blessing."*

expression on her face was truly priceless. Unfortunately, as I entered the room, the family said a hasty good-bye and let me do my blessings. In a matter of moments our friend had fallen back 'asleep' and I prayed alone.

I cannot stress enough how much the family visit and the baby's love meant not only to our friend but to the entire family. Their grief was tempered with the joy of family continuity. The past had traveled through the present to the future. Not only was this a time of endings but it became a time of beginnings. The infant's hand now was physically linked to the matriarch's soul. An act of kindness and lack of fear, yes fear of death and the dying, gave life to all who witnessed it including myself. I have seen it myself, the newest generation because of its innocence and love brings us from the depths of our mourning at least to a level of acceptance that life is a continuum but more so to the heights of our eternity. I will always feel blessed that my grandfather took me with him to see his mother, my great-grandmother several times before she died when I was eleven. I will always remember when we kissed her she would say in Yiddish, "it is worth a million dollars to me". Oh no "Bubbe", it is worth far more to myself and my cousins for you are my connection with who I am and who my children are and will be.

Friends, when someone we love is seriously ill, don't fear! Bring yourself, bring your children, bring the grandchildren and the great grandchildren. For through these acts of loving kindness, your soul will be healing, yourself, as it heals others. And as we know, a healthy soul creates a healthy body.

B'ahava,
Rabbi Mark

Are your bookshelves overflowing? If so, help is on the way. Donations are now being accepted for *gently used books* to be sold at our Purim Carnival. If you have books to donate, please drop them off at the Temple.

February Yahrzeit Donations

Marva, Peter & Ian Felchlin

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in honor of **Stacie Barlow**
for all her help & kindness.

Temple Member Chai Lights

Shalom and welcome new members

***Tabitha Sparks
and her son Kylo***

and

***Molly and David Blumberg
and their daughter Elizabeth***

We are pleased that you have accepted our invitation to join Temple Beth Emet and welcome you as a valuable member of our congregation.

Just Be Ready

Storms remind residents to pack *10 Essential Items* to be prepared for emergencies

The **10 Essential Items**, as recommended by the Emergency Survival Program in LA County's Office of Emergency Management, include:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Water | 2. Food |
| 3. Cash & Important Documents | 4. Clothes |
| 5. Flashlight | 6. First Aid Kit |
| 7. Medicine | 8. Radio |
| 9. Toiletries | 10. Tools |

These essential items will help ensure that people have access to basic essentials when other resources may not be available during an emergency. It is also vital that families put together a Communications Plan, such as a pre-planned place to meet and a designated out-of-state contact, in case family members are separated or at work or school when a disaster strikes.

For more information on earthquake and disaster readiness, call (866) 999-5228 or the LA County Information Line at 2-1-1. Bilingual staff is available Monday – Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additional information can be found on the *Just Be Ready: Prepare Together* webpage at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov

We extend our profound sympathies and deep condolence to **Walter Polan** at the passing of his father, **Martin**.

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.

Carole Eisinger had surgery

Laurie Gabriel was ill

Lisa De Luca will be having surgery

Cesar Zevallos had surgery

Remember the sick with cards, calls and visits.

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.

Looking for work. Excellent office skills: computer, research, writing, editing, projects, filing, phones, reception, mailings, producing artistic fliers and newsletters. Call Gloria Kurey, (818) 562-1339.

Do you have a few hours a week to spare? If so, Temple office can use your help. If you are interested in volunteering your time, call Lucy at (818)843-4787.

In the days that have followed I have taken great pride in the response of nations and people all over the world to the plight of the people of Haiti. It has been satisfying to hear of the successes of teams from Los Angeles and Israel in saving lives, even though I know that for every rescue from a pile of rubble, there are many more people who will not be rescued and that many of the broken bodies will never heal. Relief efforts have not progressed with the speed or efficiency one might have intended, but the effort is continuing and will continue for a very long time.

My small donation will not repair the damage done by the earthquake in Haiti. I dare say no one person in the world has the capacity to rebuild what has been destroyed in that small nation. But that does not mean one should not do something. In *Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers)* Rabbi Tarfon teaches us "(i)t is not your part to finish the task, yet you are not free to desist from it."

If you have not already done so, and if you are able, please make some contribution to help the people of Haiti. You will feel better. I did.

-- Ira L. Goldstein, President

Congratulations to Sarah Emerson on your acceptance to C-Sun Deaf Studies.

Good job Sarah!!!



HAPPY FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



- Ruth & Fred Kubik**
- Marie & Joseph Fischer**
- Diane & Craig Weisman**
- Laura & David Goldstein**

Experience the sweetness of Shabbat.

On March 5th at 6PM we will join hundreds of synagogues across the continent to take part in



"Shabbat Across America"

We will begin with a joyous Shabbat dinner, hosted by Havurah Shachar, followed by TYPs service. Everyone is invited.



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Ralphs: call 1-800-443-4438 or go to www.ralphs.com and under "Services" go to "School Programs". Go to "Community Contributions". Sign in using your email address and follow the directions. Enter your Ralphs Card number (the 12 or 13 digit number is on the back of your Ralphs card beginning with either a 2 or 4). The organization# 80324 or under the name of "Temple Beth Emet of Burbank".

Albertsons: call 1-800-696-6419 or go to http://www.albertsons.com/abs_inthecommunity/. Use your Albertsons' card number and the 10 digit phone number you signed up with. Under Community Partners enter "Temple Beth Emet-Burbank" ID# 49000116994 and the percentage of the contribution to the temple (i.e., 100%).

2010		February		5770
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
	1	2 <i>7:30 PM—Adult Education</i>	3	
7 <i>10:00 AM Chai Society Planning meeting</i>	8	9 <i>7:30 PM Temple Board Meeting</i> (members in good standing are welcome)	10	
14	15 <i>President's Day</i>	16	17	
21 <i>007 Havurah meeting</i>	22	23	24	
28 <i>9:30 AM Men's Club meeting and breakfast</i> <i>Purim</i>	1	2	3	
7	8	9	10	

2010		February		5770	
Thurs		Friday		Saturday	
4 6:15 PM Cribbage Club	5 7:00 PM <i>The Young People's Shabbat Service</i> (note time) New Member Welcome Welcomer: Lucy Rafaeli	6 9:00AM <i>Religious School</i>			
11 6:15 PM Cribbage Club	12 7:30 PM Shabbat Services Welcomer: Marie Fischer Candle Blessing: Rosa Zavallos Scriptures: Yosie Fischer	13 <i>No Religious School</i>			
18 6:15 PM Cribbage Club 7:30 PM Strategic Planning Meeting	19 7:30 PM Shabbat Services Welcomer: Ira Goldstein Candle Blessing: Ruth Glick Scriptures: Steve Abrams	20 9:00AM <i>Religious School</i> Jessica Berger Bat Mitzvah			
25 6:15 PM Cribbage Club	26 7:30PM Shabbat Services Welcomer: Andrea McKinnon Candle Blessing: Shirley Abramson	27 9:00AM <i>Religious School</i> Purim Carnival			
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February Yahrzeits

NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<u>Feb. 5 at Temple</u>			<u>Feb. 19 at Temple</u>		
Beatrice Miliman	Monica Pink	Feb. 1	Alfred Jackman	Marcia Jackman	Feb.14
Beatrice Miliman	Debbie Zelman	Feb. 1	Alfred Jackman	Roberta Baker	Feb.14
Morris Miller	MM Jerry Krakowski	Feb. 1	Alfred Jackman	Debra Fishel	Feb.14
Ilse Korant Schwalbe	Congregation	Feb. 1	Alfred Jackman	Evelyn Jackman	Feb.14
Martha Ham	Kyle Orlemann	Feb. 1	June Beck	Russell Beck	Feb.14
Sara M. Rosen	Elizabeth Rosen	Feb. 1	June Beck	Scott Beck	Feb.14
Margary Winston	Brian Sheppard	Feb. 1	Maxwell Feinstein	Joel Feinstein	Feb.14
Margary Winston	Harriett & Lou Schwab	Feb. 1	Meyer Carlin	Lynda Carlin	Feb.14
Robert Sutton	Sylvia G. Sutton	Feb. 1	Edith Strauss	Nathan Strauss	Feb.15
Marlene Meadow	Roger Wasserman	Feb. 2	Alan Sloves	Myra Sloves	Feb.15
Philip Brown	Margery Brown	Feb. 3	Mary Blakeman	Lillian Blakeman	Feb.15
America Kapson	Henry Kapson	Feb. 3	Helen Louise Naythons	David Naythons	Feb.15
Stella Pollack	Congregation	Feb. 4	Marvin Bernard Byron	Steven Byron	Feb.18
Morris Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	Feb. 5	Florence Katz	Linda M. Kieman	Feb.18
Anna Shapiro	Harriett Schwab	Feb. 5	Aaron Carp	Dr. Sid Carp	Feb.18
Nathan Rose	Beverly Genereux	Feb. 6	Dick Fishman	Scott Fishman	Feb.19
David Kleinberg	Frances Kleinberg	Feb. 6	Samuel Gramowitz	Lillian Blakeman	Feb. 20
Sterrett Burges	Betsy Kahn	Feb. 6	Samuel Gramowitz	Martin Bibicoff	Feb. 20
Freda Slavin	Lois Jones	Feb. 6	Jack Siegel	Lester Pink	Feb. 20
Anne Hernandez	Elizabeth Postal	Feb. 6	<u>Feb. 20 at Temple</u>		
<u>Feb. 12 at Temple</u>			Norman Newman	Mickie Newman	Feb. 21
Lee Segal	Naomi Aronoff	Feb. 7	Frederick Molenky	Rabbi Mark Sobel	Feb. 22
Bertha Segel Friedman	Neal Friedman	Feb. 7	Bernice Clamage	Harland Green	Feb. 23
Bertha Segel Friedman	Sharon E. Friedman	Feb. 7	Mickey Samuels	Harriett Schwab	Feb. 23
Frances Levenson	Gladys McDonald	Feb. 9	Albert A. Anderle	Bonnie Bunyik	Feb. 24
Jean Zweier Reinhard	Zweier Family	Feb. 9	Irving Schredder	Bonnie Friedman	Feb. 24
Lillian Schredder	Bonnie Friedman	Feb.10	Jennie Mehlman	Phyllis Mehlman	Feb. 24
Frances Hoffman	Linda Kranz	Feb.10	Ester Kapson	Henry Kapson	Feb. 24
Phillip Cooperstein	Toby Berman	Feb.10	Howard Segal	Naomi Aronoff	Feb. 25
Solomon Shimmel	Cliff Rayman	Feb.11	Viola Krone	Harriet Winnick	Feb. 25
Lucille Matthews	Doris Jones	Feb.11	Dr. Anne Esau	Congregation	Feb. 26
Eva Cohen Rabin	Susan Rabin	Feb.12	Hyman Fishman	Trudi Schoolhouse	Feb. 26
Susan L. Merrill	Andrew Merrill	Feb.13	Hannah Krakowski	Jerry Krakowski	Feb. 26
Mary Beth Naythons	David Naythons	Feb.13	Rabbi Aron Tanzer	Helen Lott	Feb. 26
			Renee Sloves	Myra Sloves	Feb. 26
			Norman A. Cutler	Sylvia Morris	Feb. 26
			Norman A. Cutler	Barbara Wechter	Feb. 26
			Miriam Silverstein	Manuel Silverstein	Feb. 27
			Ida Kushner	Freda Murez	Feb. 27
			Melvin Mann	Gloria Kurey	Feb. 27
			<u>March 5 at Temple</u>		
			Jennie Fiskin	Harriett Schwab	Feb. 29

During the summer, we mailed everyone a copy of the data we had on file so you would have a chance to update your information. Thank you for responding so quickly.

On January 1, 2010, we will begin to use our new synagogue management software. We have taken every precaution to ensure that the data within our system is accurate. We have also worked with the software vendor, so that invoices and reports meet the needs of the Temple and it's members, as best as it possibly can. We understand that membership invoices, receipts and other accounting records will look different. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask – we'll return the call as soon as we can. Our office staff is small and dedicated to providing you with the warm, friendly and responsive answers.

We appreciate your patience while we become proficient with the new software. Over time, we look forward to taking full-advantage of all the new features that our Synagogue Office Software provides to more than 1,000 congregations worldwide.

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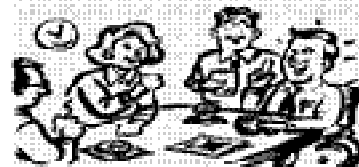
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If you would like to join a Havurah or form a new one, contact Ruth Glick at (818)780-9134.

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