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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

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"THE TEMPLE WITH A HEART"

"If you are silent....you and your father's house will perish". (Book of Esther 4:14)

I have a disappointment with the younger generation. Usually, I praise them, because I see such accomplishments but really this one area upsets me greatly. They have no face-to-face courage. Young people today perform acts of great courage in the face of many dangers and threats, but here they fall utterly short. They tweet, rather than speak. They type, rather than verbalize. Words are constructed, not spontaneously created. What would have happened to us if Mordechai had emailed the captain of the guard what he had heard about the attempted assassination rather than going forward and speaking up?



Our children are afraid to make definitive statements. When I was their age, 'like' was halfway to love, a bold concept. Now, it is a word of retreat, of fear, of lack of commitment. And what would have happened if Mordechai had emailed the captain of the Guard, " Sir, like these soldiers are like planning a plot like to kill the King" ? It would have gotten buried in a mound of like "tips". As it was, his testimony was lost until the King had insomnia.

Students, take a stand, be proud of your ideas! I like it when people are brave enough to speak their minds. What would have happened to us if Mordechai had not confronted Queen Esther and told her about the plot to annihilate us, but instead sent her a text? She might have seen his name, thought, 'my uncle is bothering me again, he's always hanging around the castle'.

And what if Esther had not shown courage in going directly to the King and ... (well, she did waver....) asking for the banquet and then showing courage in directly accusing HAMAN? (I know full caps mean anger, I am angry at him, still, and his descendents, and I do confront them when I see them). All these acts of courage if left to invisible, electronic space would have made us part of invisible history.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, March 2

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM **Shabbat Service**

**Followed by red, white and blue
Oneg Shabbat**

Free event for all.

Everyone is welcome.

(See flyer on page 5)



Sunday, Mar. 4 at 10:00 AM
Sisterhood/Chai Society meeting

Tuesday, Mar. 6, 7:00 PM
Five week Adult Education Series:
"Why We Do the Things We Do-Home"

Wednesday, Mar. 7 at 7:30 PM
Megillah Reading

*Hear the Megillah
read in several languages*

Sunday, Mar. 11, 9:00 AM
Religious School

**Purim Carnival, Megillah Reading,
Costume March and Silent Auction**

Sunday, Mar. 25 at 9:30 AM
Men's Club Meeting and Brunch

I was telling my kids that I need to write my article for the Chai Times. I asked what I should write about this month. My younger daughter Megan suggested that I write about the inner self and the holiday of Purim. I said that was a great idea. I asked her to write her thoughts on those two issues. The following is what Megan wrote:



Do you ever take time to find your inner self? Well, its time you do, we are in the month of March. That means you need to take time to find your goals; what you want to do with your job; have more money; and have more fun with friends and family. Not everyone does it , but I would like you to do it.

Another thing you can do is thinking of ideas for Purim. Purim can be celebrated at home, at Temple, or even at a friend's house. Think of, what am I going to make? What kind of fun projects am I going to do? Those are questions you can ask yourself.

I've been saying it's not just about you when you take time to find your inner self. You can think about holidays, other people, and whatever else you want. During Purim, make sure you go the extra mile to come to the Temple to play games and have fun with your friends and family. Or you can even have your own little private party at your house. Make up your own games. You can even go to a friend's house. If this doesn't sound like fun, then I don't know what will. If this was up to me, I would come a week earlier because I'm so excited!

I finally found my inner self. I want you to find your inner self too!

Let your children have a voice. They have amazing thoughts. Work together with our children to nurture their goals and ideals. B'Shalom, Steve Abrams

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If you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can better serve our members, call Steve at 661-714-3618 or "Let us hear from you" at www.templebethemet.com

Don't misunderstand, face-to-face communication takes courage, but bravery must arise when it is needed and inspired. We must teach and constantly reinforce the teaching to the younger generation that speech is divine, that cyber media has no soul., that our vocalizations create on many different levels, while print media only exists on one, that the auditory system is much more profound because it is so subjective and hence so emotional. Vision is objective. It is what it is, especially when it is literary.

During Purim, whenever we hear Haman's name, people will step up and make a great noise. True it is with the intention to blot out his name, but still he gets the creative reaction. Also, our courage in speaking up is easy, Haman is long dead. Let us not forget, Mordechai and Esther both

showed great courage in speaking up in the face of great danger. We must do the same speaking up in the face of what endangers us and doing it directly and verbally. I propose this year, and every year after that, whenever Mordechai or Esther's names are mentioned, especially in the Megillah when they stood up and showed courage, that we do the same. Then we will add the Hebrew, "Kol Ha Kavod" (All the Honor). This way we align ourselves with their acts of courage and add our actions to theirs. More so, we show the younger generation through our actions our belief in standing up, showing courage and creating with our voices and our words.

B'ahava v'simha,
Rabbi Mark

 TBE house of WORSHIP

Purim "lots", is a festival that commemorates the deliverance of the Jewish people living throughout the ancient Persian Empire from a plot by Haman the Agagite to annihilate them, as recorded in the Biblical Book of Esther (*Megillat Esther*). According to the story, Haman cast lots to determine the day upon which to kill the Jews.

According to the Book of Esther, Haman, royal vizier to King Ahasuerus, planned to kill the Jews, but his plans were foiled by Esther, Ahasuerus's queen. Mordechai, a palace official, cousin and foster parent of Esther, subsequently replaced Haman. The Jews were delivered from being the victims of an evil decree against them and were instead allowed by the King to destroy their enemies, and the day after the battle was designated as a day of feasting and rejoicing.



Temple Beth Emet will celebrate Purim this year with two fantastic events. The first event will be reading the Megillah in several languages on **Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 PM**. The second event, a Purim Carnival, including Megillah Reading and Costume March, and Silent Auction, will take place on **Sunday, March 11 during Religious School from 9:00 AM-12 noon**. Please wear masks and costumes and bring a Purim gragger, also called "*ra'ashan*" (noisemaker), used when Haman's name is mentioned during the reading of the Megillah, as tradition dictates, to blot out the name of evil. Triangular pastries called *Hamantaschen* ("Haman's pockets") or *Oznei Haman* ("Haman's ears") will be served.

Purim Carnival Silent Auction: Your Help Is Needed to make our Purim Carnival Silent Auction as Successful as Last Year. Please go to your favorite retailer or restaurant and ask for a donation. Forms and letters available upon request, just email margaret.goldfarb@disney.com. Big prizes are needed for the Purim carnival, such as, stuffed animals, board games and video games. Cake are also needed for the Cake Walk.





The Men's Club WANTS YOU

to join us for our monthly meeting and brunch.

This month's meeting will be on Sunday, Mar. 25 at 9:30 AM.

The cost is \$5 per person.



Havurah (a gathering of friends) Happenings

Havurah Shachar (Parents of religious school kids)

To join or for info contact

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Havurah Simcha L'Chaim:

To find out more or form a new one call Ruth Glick (818) 780-9134



Family Promise helps low income families achieve lasting independence. TBE cohosts families with St. Jude's Anglican Church. Please call Melissa Schenk at (818) 448-9017 to provide a dish, share a dinner at 5:30 PM, tell a story or play a game. Thank you to all those who helped in February.



BBYO-AZA boys' chapter now meets at TBE every other Thursday from 7:30-8:30 PM

and **BBYO-BBG girls' chapter** meets at TBE every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 PM.

Contact Martin Greenfield through the Temple office for more information.

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SISTERHOOD/CHAI SOCIETY

This week is Sisterhood and Brotherhood Week, according to the Hebrew Calendar available at the temple. It's a good time to consider joining and/or supporting the Sisterhood or Men's Club of the temple.

On Friday, March 3, 2010, the shabbat service will be about "Shabbat Across America" and also Pizza Night. The Pizza Night festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. and services at the usual 7:30 p.m.

We hope you will come and bring your families.

Chai Society Sisterhood

Happy March Anniversaries

- Carole and John Eisenger***
- Kathleen Kreyms and Jeannie Mintz***
- Rhonda and James Smith***
- Barbara and Warren Snitzer***
- Alice and Nathan Strauss***
- Stella and Norberto Vigodnier***

Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are always in order for happy or sad occasions. These cards are a wonderful way to remember or honor someone. Did you know that you can get on an automatic mailing to those in need of well wishes by contacting the office?

A card will automatically be sent from Tribute Chair John Eisenger in your name to those in need of healing and an amount of \$3 will be added to your bill each time a card is sent in your name. Contact John Eisenger at (818) 842-5439.



SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

at Temple Beth Emet Friday, March 2, 2012
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Shabbat Service
followed by a Red, White & Blue Oneg Shabbat

FREE EVENT FOR ALL! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!









Do you know anyone who is looking for a Temple to call home, or a Jewish friend, neighbor, co-worker or acquaintance who might like to join us for Shabbat or become a TBE member?






PLEASE BRING THEM !

For reservations call Temple Office (818)843-4787
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>26 9:00 AM-12 Noon School 12:00-12:45 PM Junior Choir</p>  <p>9:30 AM Men's Club Meeting & brunch</p>  <p>10:30 AM Flower of God</p>	<p>27 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p>	<p>28 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p>	<p>29 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>7:00 PM -8:30 PM BBYO-BBG Meeting</p>
<p>4 9:00 AM-12 Noon School 12:00-12:45 PM Junior Choir</p>  <p>10:00 AM Sisterhood/Chai Society Meeting</p>	<p>5 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p>	<p>6 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>7:00 PM Adult Ed. Session in Series, "Why Do We Do the Things We Do-Home"</p>	<p>7 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>7:00 PM -8:30 PM BBYO-BBG Meeting</p> <p>7:30 PM Megillah Reading</p>
<p>11 9:00 AM-12 Noon School Purim Carnival and Silent Auction</p> <p>12:00-12:45 PM Junior Choir</p> 	<p>12 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p>	<p>13 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>7:00 PM Board Meeting (members welcome)</p>	<p>14 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>7:00 PM -8:30 PM BBYO-BBG Meeting</p> <p>Chai Times sub. due</p>
<p>18 9:00 AM-12 Noon School 12:00-12:45 PM Junior Choir</p> 	<p>19 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p>	<p>20 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors class</p> <p>7:00 PM Strategic Planning Meeting</p>	<p>21 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting</p> <p>7:00 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-BBG Meeting</p>
<p>25 9:00 AM-12 Noon School 12:00-12:45 PM Junior Choir</p>  <p>9:30 AM Men's Club Meeting & brunch</p> 	<p>26 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p>	<p>27 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p>	<p>28 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting</p> <p>7:00 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-BBG Meeting</p>
<p>1 9:00 AM-12 Noon School Children's Seder</p> <p>12:00-12:45 PM Junior Choir</p> <p>10:00 AM Sisterhood Society Meeting</p> 	<p>2 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p>	<p>3 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>7:00 PM Adult Ed. Session in Series, "Why Do We Do the Things We Do?"</p>	<p>4 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting</p> <p>7:00 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-BBG Meeting</p>

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>6:15 PM Cribbage Club</p>	 <p>Shabbat Across America (see flyer)</p> <p>6:00 PM Dinner</p> <p>7:00 PM Shabbat Service</p> <p>Welcomer: Craig Weisman</p> <p>Candle Blessor: Diane Weisman</p> <p>Scripture Reader:</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>8</p> <p>6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>6:15 PM Cribbage Club</p> <p>7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting</p>	 <p>9</p> <p>7:30 PM Shabbat Service 2-3</p> <p>Grade Purim Play</p> <p>Welcomer: Lisa De Luca</p> <p>Candle Blessor: 2-3 Grade Mothers</p> <p>Scripture Reader: Martin Sultan</p> <p>Kiddush: 2-3 Grade</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>15</p> <p>6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>6:15 PM Cribbage Club</p>	 <p>16</p> <p>7:30 PM Shabbat Service</p> <p>Welcomer: Steve Abrams</p> <p>Candle Blessor: Sally Amira</p> <p>Scripture Reader: George Davis</p> <p>Kiddush: Allison and Megan Abrams</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>22</p> <p>6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>6:15 PM Cribbage Club</p> <p>7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting</p>	 <p>23</p> <p>7:30 PM Shabbat Service</p> <p>Welcomer: Bruce Bigley</p> <p>Candle Blessor: Pat Bigley</p> <p>Scripture Reader: James Rosenberg</p> <p>Kiddush:</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>29</p> <p>6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>6:15 PM Cribbage Club</p>	 <p>30</p> <p>7:30 PM Shabbat Service</p> <p>Welcomer: Richard Emerson</p> <p>Candle Blessor: Dana Sapper</p> <p>Scripture Reader: Howard Sapper</p> <p>Kiddush:</p>	<p>31</p>
<p>5</p> <p>6:30 PM—8:30 PM Active Actors Acting class</p> <p>6:15 PM Cribbage Club</p> <p>7:30 PM-8:30 PM BBYO-AZA Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30 PM Shabbat Service</p> <p>Welcomer:</p> <p>Candle Blessor:</p> <p>Kiddush:</p>	<p>7</p>

NAME	REMEMBERED BY	DATE
<u>March 2 at Temple</u>		
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<u>March 9 at Temple</u>		
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Rose Barton	Bernard Barton	March 5
Hannah Krakowski	Jerry Krakowski	March 6
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Hyman Fishman	Trudi Schoolhouse	March 6
Marcia Siegel-Tanzman	Lisa De Luca	March 6
Isadore Shapiro	Harriett Schwab	March 6
Bertha S, Flamholtz	Warren Snitzer	March 6
Yvete Kornstein	Teddy Kleinberg	March 7
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Shirlee Ehrlich	Warren Snitzer	March 9
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<u>March 16 at Temple</u>		
Sarah Libidinsky	Jeff Schaffer Fam.	March 11
Ben Meltzer	Barbara Rosenbloom	March 11
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Kasey Maxwell Brown	Dennis C. Brown	March 12
Donald Jacob	Phyllis Shear	March 12
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Melvin Gordon	Stacy Rivera	March 13
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Jim Moore	Ilene Weinberg	March 14
Jim Moore	Linda Carmody	March 14
Jim Moore	Gail Arce	March 14

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<u>March 16 at Temple</u>		
Jim Moore	Barbara Moore	March 14
Jim Moore	Karen Ellison	March 14
Floyd Eisner	Elaine Eisner	March 14
Anna Levinson	Congregation	March 14
Howard Segal	Naomi Aronoff	March 14
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Pauline Coler	Joel Coler	March 15
Adele Muskatell	Morris Muskatell	March 16
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Shepard Kaplan	Cecilia Urwin	March 16
Samuel Greenberg	Elaine Fishman	March 17
Jose Villarreal	Vicenta Verdi	March 17
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Jay Berger	Dave Berger	March 20
Irving Watarz	Jan Watarz	March 20
Fay Greenfield	Gary Greenfield	March 21
Esther Friedmann	Judy Robins	March 22
Richard Brent Granat	Ruthe Granat	March 22
Jacob Most	Abe Most	March 23
Morris Swedlove	Freda Murez	March 24
Albert Sommerfeld	Monica Pink	March 24

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<u>March 30 at Temple</u>		
Ruth Bibicoff	Martin Bibicoff	March 25
Jeno Friedman	Judy Robins	March 25
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Augusta Oppenheim	The Kramer Family	March 26
Hana Elaine Baskin	Factor Family	March 26
Mike Dacher	Ron dacher	March 28
Louis Weicensang	Sylvia Schuster	March 28
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A Spirited Discussion, a Comfortable Resolution and the desire to create a Talit

By Leslie Nathan, AIA

I, along with my husband, Michael Heiss, am a new member of Temple Beth Emet. At the end of October, we hosted a Friday night Oneg Shabbat to celebrate our 30th anniversary. It was a joy to be welcomed into our new Jewish community; and, I was thrilled to be asked to participate in the blessing of the Shabbat Candles on the bima. I made my way to the podium and stood next to the cantor. Someone rushed to put a talit around my shoulders. To me, this was surprising and a bit uncomfortable.

After services were over and the blessings over the bread and wine were complete, I had a lively and entertaining discussion with Rabbi Sobel. "It is Beth Emet's custom," I was informed, "for both men and women to wear talit on the bima." If women are to be allowed to have equal access to the Torah and it is the custom of the temple for men who read torah to don talit, then it is not only a privilege but a responsibility I believe that women should gladly share. I have only admiration for this custom.

For the mitzvah of lighting Shabbat candles, it has always been my understanding that this is uniquely a woman's task. As such, I responded to the rabbi, it seems that for that task *alone* no talit need be worn on the bima.

How do we reconcile an old custom and a new custom when there are seeming contradictions? We continued our talk with me referencing family tradition, and Rabbi Sobel pointing out the practicality of moving forward and embracing new traditions. Finally, the Rabbi asked me if my grandmothers covered their heads before lighting Shabbat candles. "Yes," I exclaimed, startled by the instant recollection of seeing them use a paper napkin to cover their heads if a scarf was not around. "Well," said the rabbi, "You can use the talit on the bima as a head covering."

That rabbinic solution embraces both old and new traditions in a way that I can not only accept but also applaud. I love this solution in that it satisfies both trains of thought. So now, I want to have my own talit. This is something I have never owned before. I would like it to be special. I plan on needlepointing the prayer on the Atarah along with 4 squares that will hold the ritual fringes. There are many materials that can be used for a talit, but only one way to tie and knot the tsitsit to keep the talit "kosher."

I have found a local woman who has beautiful materials and assembles not only the talits, but also finishes the talit bags that women often make to match the individual talit design. I think it would be a wonderful opportunity for us to get together, socialize, sew, cross stitch or needlepoint. Would anyone like to join me in making a talit? If you do, call me and we'll set up a meeting!

(Leslie Nathan 818-783-9979)

"Why We Do What We Do-Home"

The fourth of our five session series will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Temple Beth Emet, Blum Hall and are free of charge, and donations are welcome.

Classes are conducted by Rabbi Mark Sobel.



Thank you 4th and 5th graders for your Shabbat performance.

Leslie Nathan article reprinted by request

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Several dedicated members do this mitzvah on a rotating basis, and we trade dates as needed to accommodate personal schedules & needs.

We recently lost a few members of our team and could use some replacements.

Can you help? If interested, please contact Stacie Barlow at (818) 461-8161 or staciemail@roadrunner.com. Thank You!



Mazel Tov!



New Bar/Bat Mitzvah Coordinator & Committee Members Needed!

Dear Temple Family,

I have thoroughly enjoyed my special role as Temple Beth Emet Bar/Bat Mitzvah Coordinator for the past two years...coordinating with the Bar & Bat Mitzvah families for their special simchas and celebrating these extraordinary events with them. I took on this position the year before my daughter Rachil had her Bat Mitzvah last summer to help at the temple and learn more about TBE's Bar/Bat Mitzvah traditions. It has been a wonderful experience, and perhaps the most joyous of all temple volunteer positions! I will be retiring from this position at the end of August, and TBE will be in need of a new coordinator and committee members. I especially highly recommend this coordinator or committee position to those with children who plan to celebrate an upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah at TBE! It's a wonderful way to get involved and learn more! If interested, please call me at 818-461-8161. Thank you!
L'Shalom,
Stacie Barlow

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