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Rabbi Says:

“Though we ain't got a barrel of money, maybe we're ragged and funny, but we'll travel along, singing our song, side by side.” (Harry Woods 1925)



This month, as is our custom, the Officers and the Board of Directors of Temple Beth Emet begin a new term. And, as also is our custom, officers and board members come and go. This term though two familiar faces won't be with us on the Board and I'd like to talk about them.

Vicki and Neil Margolin have retired from the Board after almost 50 years of combined service. While we have not always agreed, I always know that their hearts are with the Temple. So, without their permission, I would like to tell how I met Vicki and Neil.

After receiving a phone call from Vicki, that their son Philip needed to be tutored for his Bar Mitzvah, I had tutored and performed the non-traditional Bar Mitzvah of the son of a friend of theirs, I came to their house expecting both a tutoring job and a Bar Mitzvah fee. Unfortunately, that dream ended when I was informed that they were members of Temple Beth Emet, Rabbi Kramer's congregation, and that Philip would be Bar Mitzvahed by him, of course. And so I settled down to a weekly tutoring, Philip, myself and one of their cats who, I guess, was a descendant of the Lion of Judah because he couldn't get enough of the Hebrew materials we were studying and would rub up against the books and papers. The cat was and is, the friendliest cat I have ever known. I guess what they say about animals and their masters are true.

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Friday, July 10, 2009
Installation of Temple Officers
and Board Members

Temple Beth Emet Officers and Board Members for 2009-2010

President: *Ira Goldstein*

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Jodi Gross

Lucy Rafaeli

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Rosa Zavallos

Margaret Goldfarb

Sandra Lewin

Alan Barlow

Jackie Fogelman

George Davis

Sunday, August 2, 10:00 am
Sisterhood Brunch at the Temple

President's message



You might be wondering what I am doing here writing the President's message. Last month, the membership received notice of a special board meeting to consider suspending a provision of the Temple bylaws to allow our Treasurer, Steve Abrams, be a candidate for Temple president. That motion required a 2/3 vote of the board, and while it received a majority vote, it did not receive the required 2/3 vote to pass. About the same time as this motion was pending, Temple President Mark Greenfield decided not to serve a second year. I was nominated for President at the annual membership meeting and agreed to serve.

We read in Deuteronomy 27:6, "Thou shalt build the altar of the Lord thy God of unhewn stones." Unhewn stones, as the term implies, are different shapes and sizes, and sometimes have sharp edges. They are, however, authentic, distinctive, and genuine. If you look at the new officers and directors of Temple Beth Emet you will see that there are long standing members of the congregation and newer members. There are many who have served on the Board for years and there are those new to the Board. There are people who are rather quiet and those who speak their mind frankly.

Each of these un-hewn stones brings something different to the Temple leadership team in perspective, talent, resources, and personality. Accepting the unique contribution of each person, rather than demanding conformity and acquiescence to a single point of view is the challenge. In fact, we are warned in Deuteronomy 27:5, "thou shalt lift up no iron tool upon them." Therefore we will fit these un-hewn stones together for one goal – to build a strong Temple community.

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May his memory be a blessing.

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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 a Tribute card is now \$3.00.

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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Rabbi Says: (Continued from page 1)

Periodically, Vicki and Neil would express their dismay at the way the school was run, Rabbi Kramer was not the Educational Director then, but another Rabbi, who has since passed on. They would ask me about my experiences in the Hebrew teaching biz as well as my public school background. I never understood why until Rabbi Kramer called me in April of 1986 and asked if I was interested in becoming the Educational Director of Temple Beth Emet. I said emphatically "Yes" and Rabbi told me to be patient and he would get back to me.

Because of illness in the family, I hadn't tutored Philip for several weeks. At the next tutoring session, after my lesson was finished, Vicki said she wanted to ask me something. She said, "Would you be interested in being the Educational Director of Temple Beth Emet?" I said, "Yes, I told Rabbi the same thing." She said, "Oh darn, we wanted to be the ones to ask and tell the board your answer. We are so pleased!!!" I thought, "Me too."

That was over 23 years ago and my first impression of Vicki and Neil and their love of Temple has not changed. I have worked with Neil on many projects, some are public knowledge and some are not. Vicki always has her pulse on what's happening at Temple and calls me when she needs to tell me about a congregant who is in need. One of Neil's non-public efforts for the Temple and for me comes to mind immediately. When Rabbi Kramer left in February of 1996, he accused me of betraying our friendship for doing what I felt was best for the Temple. Neil acted as intermediary between us over the course of several weeks and Rabbi did my installation in June. Rabbi's absence from that event would have been a disaster for me and for the Temple.

As I said before, good friends sometimes agree and sometimes don't, but it is still a treat to sit across from the Margolins at a table and help them argue with people whose minds have led them to forget decency and morality and the needs of the common man.

We all look forward to Jennifer's wedding. The Temple knows that if you both put half the effort into Jennifer's wedding that you put into your activities for Adult Education, Temple Enrichment, the Harvest Ball, the 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance and all the other activities for Temple Beth Emet done behind the scenes, it will be a wedding for the ages. Mazel Tov, Vicki and Neil.

One last request is, as you both have done so often in the past, to please continue to act on behalf of the Temple for you both know what your absence would mean to us and how much more there is when you are present.

B'ahava to the Temple Beth Emet Family,
Rabbi Mark

July Yahrzeit Donations

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Marvin B. Byron

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to the Religious School Fund in honor of
their anniversary.

A donation has been made to the Temple
by

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in honor of

Bernice Dacher's birthday

Temple Member Chai Lights

SISTERHOOD BRUNCH,

Please join the sisterhood at 10 :00am in on Sunday, August 2nd in Blum Hall for a gathering of community in support of Temple Beth Emet.

Jeannie Mintz is putting together a summer program to teach math and algebra to small groups of five to ten students. The idea is to offer a lower cost alternative than private tutoring for students who haven't yet mastered concepts during the school year. Classes are held through Burbank Parks and Rec.



Alissa Aronoff Confirmation June 5, 2009



Happy Anniversary

July Anniversaries

Joyce & Bill Feinsilber
Vicenta & Barry Verdi
Robyn & David Kreisberg
Barbara & Martin Sultan
Alex & Katy Veadov
Theresa & Samir Daou

A belated Happy Anniversary to Harriet & Gerald Winnick. Theirs was inadvertently left off last month's list. Please accept our apologies!!

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.

Mark Greenfield has problems with his shoulder.

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.

Anyone in need of someone to work part time, please contact the Temple Monday through Friday 9a to

Anyone in need of work, please contact the Temple Monday through Friday 9 to 1.

WANTED: A good home for a four year old spayed collie. Please contact Temple office.

Hollywood Bowl Tickets Available

Bring your best friend, your favorite food and beverage and enjoy a musical evening under the stars.

There is no charge for these tickets however a donation would be appreciated.

Wednesday, July 22nd

Boney James and Fourplay
Soulful melodies and slinky grooves from saxophonist Boney James are complemented by a mix of R&B, pop and jazz from super group Fourplay.

Wednesday, August 5th

Miles Davis/Gil Evans
Some of today's finest artists re-create the timeless partnership of Miles and Gil

Tuesday, August 11

Los Angeles Philharmonic, Nicholas McGegan conductor, Louis Lortie piano. ALL MOZART

Thursday, September 3rd

Los Angeles Philharmonic, Miguel Harth-Bedoya conductor, Joyce Yang piano, Rachmaninoff - Vocalise, Rachmaninoff—Piano Concerto No. 2, Rimsky-Korsakov Scheherazade.

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

It has been five years since I turned over the presidency of the Temple to Richard Emerson. I am grateful for the leadership and service of Richard and his successors Lisa De Luca and Mark Greenfield. I thank the Temple membership for its confidence shown in me in returning me to this office, and thank the members of the new Board of Directors for their commitment to the future of Temple Beth Emet.

I invite all of you to join with the new Temple leadership team in building and maintaining our Temple community. Each of us is an unhewn stone, together we build a magnificent alter to the Lord, a Temple Beth Emet, a house of truth, a Temple with a Heart.

Ira L. Goldstein, President

Thursday, September 10th

Los Angeles Philharmonic, Bramwell Tovey conductor, James Taylor tenor, Los Angeles Master Chorus, Grant Gershon music director Berlioz Requiem (A Catholic Mass).

Pick up your tickets from the Temple office or call 818-843-4787.

I Just Have to Outrun You

by Michael Josephson

During a camping trip, Sam and Tom saw a bear coming their way. Sam started to take off his backpack and told Tom he was going to run for it. When his surprised friend said, "You can't outrun a bear," Sam replied, "I don't have to outrun the bear. I just have to outrun you." Sadly, this look-out-for-number-one mentality is common in business, politics, and sports. Everywhere, basically good people engage in — and justify — selfish, short-sighted conduct that treats coworkers, colleagues, and teammates as competitors rather than comrades.

Steven Carr Reuben, author of *Children of Character*, speaks about a very different social vision where people find greater mean-

ing and satisfaction in their lives by creating caring communities. To make his point, he tells of nine youngsters in the Special Olympics who were about to run the 100-yard dash.


Right after the start of the race, a young boy stumbled badly and began crying. The other eight heard him and looked back. First one, then another, then all of them stopped and went back to help their fallen comrade. A girl with Down Syndrome bent down, kissed the boy, and said, "This will make it better." Then all nine linked arms and triumphantly walked together to the finish line.

"That's what being part of a community is about," Reuben wrote. It's a lot better way to live than trying to outrun each other.

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Special Olympics Motto

| 2009 | | July | | 5769 | | | |
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| Sunday | | Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | |
| | | | | | | 1 | |
| 5 | | 6 | | 7 | | 8 6:15 PM Cribbage Club | |
| 12 | | 13 | | 14 7:30 PM Temple Board Meeting (members in good standing are welcome) | | 15 6:15 PM Cribbage Club | |
| 19 | | 20 July 20, 1969 Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin become the first humans to set foot on the moon. <i>"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."</i> | | 21 | | 22 6:15 PM Cribbage Club | |
| 26 9:30 AM Men's Club meeting and breakfast | | 27 | | 28 | | 29 6:15 PM Cribbage Club | |
| 2 10:00 AM Sisterhood Brunch | | 3 | | 4 | | 5 6:15 PM Cribbage Club | |

| 2009 | | July | | 5769 | |
|-------|--|--|--|---|--|
| Thurs | | Friday | | Saturday | |
| 2 | | 3 7:30 PM Shabbat Services | | 4  <i>Independence Day</i> | |
| 9 | | 10 7:30 PM Shabbat Services & Installation of Temple Officers and Board members | | 11 July 11, 1955 President Eisenhower signed a bill re- quiring use of the inscription, "In God We Trust" on all paper money. | |
| 16 | | 17 7:30 PM Shabbat Services | | 18 | |
| 23 | | 24 7:30PM Shabbat Services | | 25 | |
| 30 | | 31 7:30PM Shabbat Service | | 1 | |
| 6 | | 7 7:30 PM Shabbat Services | | 8 | |

July Yahrzeits

| NAME | REMEMBERED BY | DATE | NAME | REMEMBERED BY | DATE |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| <u>July 3 at Temple</u> | | | <u>July 17 at Temple</u> | | |
| Morris Dacher | Bernice Dacher | July 1 | Morris Lubow | Nat Lubow | July 12 |
| Chuck Berman | Carla Berman | July 1 | Betty Marco | M/M Jerry Dash | July 14 |
| Samuel Sillman | Lois Jones | July 2 | Barbara Golper | Peter Golper | July 14 |
| Alice Deane | M/M Bernard Berman | July 3 | George B. Epcar | Richard Epcar | July 14 |
| Maxwell Somerfield | Gilbert Somerfield | July 3 | David Block | Rosslyn Block | July 14 |
| Barbara Ackerman | Congregation | July 4 | Theodore E. Zahler | Adrienne Zahler | July 14 |
| Mollie Drake | Toby Berman | July 4 | Dr. Benjamin Karz | Helene Mickaelian | July 15 |
| Ruth Feinstein | Joel Feinstein | July 4 | Roslyn Farber | Shirli Carb | July 17 |
| <u>July 10 at Temple</u> | | | <u>July 24 at Temple</u> | | |
| James Porter | Sylvia Sutton | July 5 | Jesse Alexander | Adrienne Zahler | July 20 |
| Philip Carpe | Maurine Z. Gold | July 5 | Thelma Deane Moad | David Van Ausdal | July 21 |
| Ethel Kanigher | Talbert Kanigher | July 5 | Arthur Savitt | Eva Burns | July 22 |
| Gustave Haberfeld | Lila Tepper | July 5 | May Lewis | Phyllis Mehlman | July 22 |
| Nathan Zimbalist | Carolee Gennarelli | July 5 | Eugene Mendelsohn | Russell Beck | July 23 |
| Sylvia Aronson | Andrew Merrill | July 6 | Helen Walton | Jeff Walton | July 23 |
| Alma Babroff | Janet Babroff | July 6 | Steven Andron | Linda Andron | July 24 |
| Beatrice Averbuch | Mitzi Rattner | July 7 | Jack Diamond | Estelle Jacobs | July 24 |
| Byron Rosen | Elizabeth Rosen | July 7 | Sylvia Cutler-Day | Marc Cutler | July 24 |
| Norman Segall | Dee Segal | July 7 | Abe Goldstein | Ira Goldstein | July 25 |
| Maria Elena Nudell | Leah Nudell | July 7 | <u>July 31 at Temple</u> | | |
| Rachel Snyder | Audrey Beare | July 7 | Phillip J. Freeman | M/M Bernard Robins | July 26 |
| Ken Dacher | Bernice Dacher | July 8 | Jack Barton | Bernard Barton | July 26 |
| Harry Engelberg | Jerry Engelberg | July 8 | Harry Rudnick | Jules Fox | July 26 |
| | | | Phoebe Meltzer | Barbara Rosenbloom | July 26 |
| | | | Harriet Feit | Dr. Eric Feit | July 29 |
| | | | Anna Carpe | Maurine Gold | July 29 |
| | | | Ezphira Bay | Sam Bay | July 30 |
| | | | Ernest Kramer | Betty Wagner Kramer | July 30 |
| | | | Sidney Karchmer | Sylvia Schuster | July 31 |
| | | | Habib Shakib | Sam Shakib | July 31 |

4th and 5th graders discuss

‘WHAT I LEARNED THIS YEAR’



We learned a lot of stuff, like the travels of the Jewish people and what they went through. We learned

about Passover, Purim, Hanukkah and many other holidays and events that took place.

Kayla

It was boring! I knew all the stories. I read stuff. It was horrible. We barely learned anything. We mostly talked about stuff off topic. There was nothing fun in the books.



Adam

We learned many things and stories this year. All about these stories that some seemed fiction and some I said that could've been real. I ask and they say it's all in Torah. I want to find proof if any of

this did happen and it wasn't fake. I would like to know and I would like proof instead of it's real yes it is and I don't want people getting angry when I ask for proof.



Max

I learned this year that God threatened the Jews. I learned that Jacob takes two wives. I also learned that Moses was put in a basket and floated down a river and lived with Egyptians.

Ben

I've learned about the beginning and what has happened since. There have been families, tests, blessings, tricks and work. This is in a

way a giant pur qui (why) tale. It explains the name "Israel", Shabbat and many, many other things



Drew

What I learned in Hebrew school is the aleph bet. I also learned how to say Hebrew words. I learned Hebrew games.

Quinn

I learned about a book called, "A Child's Bible, Lessons From The Torah". I learned about Moses and every thing there is to know about

Hebrew school. I also remember some stories from the book like, Jacob Returns Home, Rebecca, Twins and Tricks, Noah and the Flood, and many, many more stories. But the most important thing of all is that RONI IS AN AWESOME TEACHER! That is what I learned over the year.



Emily

I learned about the book, "A Child's Bible". The stories I really remembered are; "Abraham's Gift To God. It's about Abraham speaking to God and God told Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac. So Abraham took Isaac to a mountain top and put

Isaac on some straw and was about to light the fire and he heard a voice saying that he didn't have to, and that he listens to God. I also remember, "Twins and Tricks". It's about Esau and Jacob.

Jacob has a birthright and Esau wants it. So Esau tries to steal it. So he tricks his father and pretends to be Jacob.



Alexandra

This year I learned the different bible stories. I also learned a lot more about the Jewish holidays. I learned a little more common sense too. Plus, some of the puzzles in the book kind of reviewed what I have learned from the story.

Miranda

I learned about a book that teaches us about the torah. I have also learned about Moses. I've learned about Noah and the flood. I have also learned about Abraham's gift to God. That is what I have learned this year. Roni, you rock!



Cheyenne

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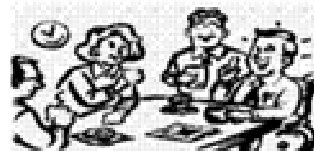
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Havurahs!



Havurah Shachar is our new Havurah consisting primarily of Religious School parents. A July family gathering is being planned—listen for a One Call now announcement coming soon.

Havurah 007 is planning a bus trip to Solvang in July.

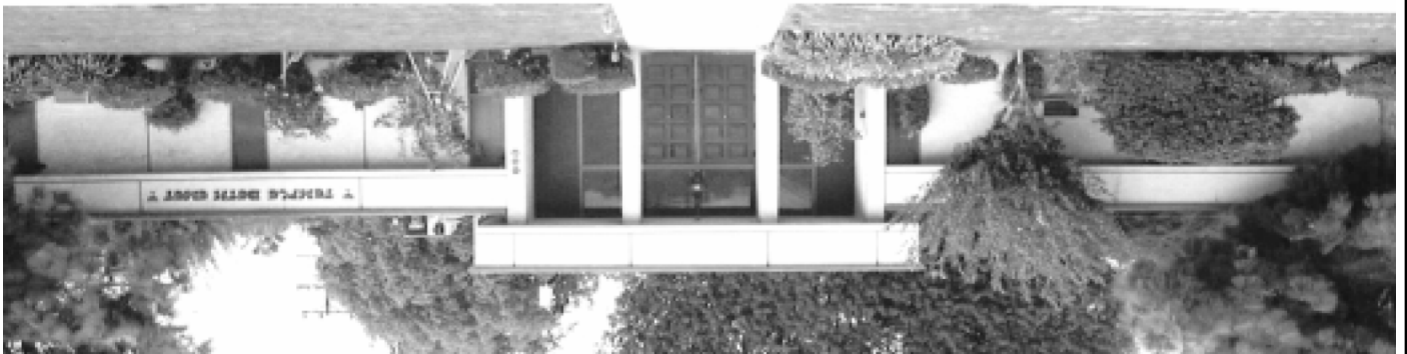
In June, Havurah Simcha/L'Chaim celebrated Bernice Dacher's birthday. In July they will be meeting at Maurine Gold's house for a Fourth of July celebration.

Enrich your life, join a Havurah. If you would like information on joining a Havurah, call Ruth Glick at (818)780-9134.

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