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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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"And a youth shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6)

As we get ready for the High Holydays, I want to relate two incidents that have given me light on how we must proceed in the year 5780.

A few weeks ago, right before Friday Night services, I was at my car when a young lady came over and asked if I was the Rabbi. I said, "Yes!" and after asking me a few questions about TBE, I asked her to join us for services. She agreed and before services even began, she started asking me some direct questions about Israel and the Palestinians. We went back and forth and I guess I didn't make her feel uncomfortable, because she even did the candle blessing and stayed for the Kiddush.

As she got ready to go after Oneg, she kept saying, "Thank you for having me, thank you for having me". *We all felt, "Oh. No! Thank you for allowing us into your world,"*

Some time ago, I was told about a store that specializes in buying unique, 'previously loved' clothing. I have been to that store a few times and each time I go I have the same good feeling. I like the young people. Their liveliness, their honesty, their exuberance! It makes me want to be young again. Figuratively, speaking of

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Pizza Night

Pizza Night resumes September 6 at 6:00 PM.

Tot Shabbat Service 5:30 PM

**Family Shabbat Service
7:00 PM**



OPEN HOUSE! TEMPLE OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8*
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

* FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES:

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 21 - 7:30 PM

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday September 29 - 8PM

Monday September 30 - 10AM

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday October 8 - 8PM

Wednesday September 9 - 10AM

Parking information will be posted on our website as soon as finalized

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Our Temple Book Club has!

Join us September 24 at 7:00 PM

This month's selection:

***The Saturday Wife* by Naomi Ragen**



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Rabbi Mark H. Sobel
Music and Choir Director,
Robyn Kreisberg

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*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

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Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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*New Year's Day, President's Day,
First day of Pesach, Memorial Day,
Independence Day, Rosh Hashanah,
Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving*

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Your message will be forwarded to the
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on how we can better serve our
members, please call the office or
email us at:

office@Templebethemet.com



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course! The last time I was there, I met a young woman who was evaluating my clothes for resale. She was telling me about her experiences at Burroughs's High School. I began to laugh and told her that our congregation is just down the street. I gave her my card and asked her to join us on any Friday night she could. She said she wasn't into prayer so much as community. I told her I understood and to come and see how our community looks at our religion. She said she just might and took my card and placed it in her pocket.

Looking back at those two experiences I realized just how important the next generation is to us!

They bring us freshness of thought and even though we may disagree with their points, it is critical to keep the discussion going. If you see Judaism as a tree of life, differences of opinions and the resulting discussions are nourishment to our 'Tree of Life'. Without them the tree withers and dies.

We are living in an age where more and more people are saying words to the effect, my way or the Highway. I find this attitude at best limiting to the discussions and at worse arrogant and insulting. The largest group of victims of this narrowness are the young people, the Millennials, and the Generation Xers. How can you say that their opinion has no value?

They are our future as a nation, America, and as a people, Jews. We need to have them join us in the discussion of our services, our Temple and our community. Then we have to do something more important. We must open the door and invite other young people in, to listen to what they say and, if need be, change our attitude! No longer is it okay to say "this is the way my father did it, so I will do it". We need to change the mantra to "this is the way our children do it, so we will do it".

Then go out and hear what they say, listen to their meanings, act in community with them. These two women, one who came to us and one I offered the opportunity to join us as well, and others like them, represent growth in our congregation and the greater Jewish Community of Burbank.

Bring the young ones to us. The fabric of Judaism needs to be repaired by those who are beginning to find their way into the threads of the great tapestry that is our heritage.

And by bringing them to us, you will enable the fabric of the cloth that is the Jewish Tapestry to be more durable, more colorful, more comforting as it gives warmth to the generations.

B'ahavah and Shana Tovah,

Rabbi Mark



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - September 2019



The new religious school term starts this month. Every year we try to get the religious school parents together the first day to share with them more about the Temple community and urge them to be more involved. I always tell them "if you want Judaism to be important to your children, you have to show that Judaism is important to you." When our children see us incorporating Temple activities into our lives, they see Judaism in action. It becomes something familiar and comfortable for them and being part of the Jewish community becomes part of their being.

What better way to model a commitment to Judaism than for an adult to decide to study for bar or bat mitzvah. There are many reasons an adult might not have been bar or bat mitzvah when younger. They may have grown up with a family dynamic that did not allow or encourage b'nei mitzvah or they may have come to Judaism at a later age. In any event, while a teen studying for b'nei mitzvah has a tough enough challenge, for an adult the challenge is often even greater. Our Temple family can take pride, therefore, in the accomplishment of the latest Adult B'nei Mitzvah cohort. Two members of the cohort have already been called to the Torah and the remaining member will celebrate early this month.

As we approach the High Holidays at the end of this month, we can all examine how our actions act as an example for the next generation. Are we content with just paying our dues and attending an occasional service, or do we make a real sacrifice of time and money to support our Temple? Do we do "just enough" or do we understand that "just enough" is not really enough?

A few years ago I wrote about a video produced by another synagogue that introduced "Someone Else," the person at every synagogue that did the things that needed to be done that everyone was too busy to do. What happens when so many in the Temple family say, "Let Someone Else do it," that there is nobody else? If nobody else introduces our Temple to a newcomer, membership falls. If nobody else comes to services, the sanctuary is empty. If nobody else helps with an oneg, or changes a light bulb, or comes up with a new program, the Temple stagnates, withers, and dies.

Likewise, if nobody else digs deeper to financially support the Temple, there isn't money to maintain the building, pay the bills, or meet payroll.

What happens when the children of a Jewish community see the adults do "just enough" or give "just enough?" They begin to think that "just enough" is enough, or maybe it is even too much because it won't keep the community going anyway.

But when they see us give generously of our time and money, when they see us enthusiastic about maintaining and improving our congregation and its facilities, when they see us proud of our Temple, concerned with its welfare and the welfare of its family, and when they see that Judaism is important to us, then we can be sure it will be important to them.

As we prepare for the start of the Jewish Year 5780, may we all be mindful to demonstrate to our children, as well as to each other, just how important Judaism and our Temple With a Heart are to us, and may we all be inscribed for a year of health, happiness, and peace.

On behalf of the Temple administration as well as my family and myself, I wish you "I'shanah tova tikatevu," may it be a good and sweet year for all of us.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



Religious School registration forms are now available online at

<http://www.templebethemet.com/education/religious-school-forms/>

Religious School resumes Sunday, September 8, 2019!



TEMPLE BETH EMET ADULT EDUCATION SERIES 2019-2020

Presented by **RABBI MARK H. SOBEL**

For the 75th Anniversary year of the end of World War II, we will be examining in depth five areas of concern for

JEWS IN AMERICA

November 12, 2019 - Anti-Semitism/ Old and New

December 10, 2019 - Israel/ New and Old

January 14, 2020 - Assimilation and Integration /Separate but Equal

February 11, 2020 - Civil rights/ From All and to All

March 10, 2020 - Religiosity/ Where is G-d when we need Her?



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Last month we hosted our first Preschool/Religious School "Movie Night" fundraiser. The children enjoyed a delicious pizza dinner followed by the movie Finding Nemo. We ended the evening by making our own ice cream sundaes. It was a huge success! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this night possible!



We still have some openings in the Preschool, so if you know of anyone who might be interested please send them our way!

~Hayley Wood

Preschool Director

Temple Beth Emet Preschool

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About the Sisterhood

The Temple Beth Emet Sisterhood focus on serving the Temple and the community. Membership in Sisterhood means making a commitment to living Jewish. By being a member, you become an active link in the history of our people. You serve as a role model for Jewish values. Each member blossoms in their own individual way as they experience the camaraderie of Sisterhood and share in service to the Jewish community.

From the Sisterhood President

Hi Everyone;

I am pleased to announce the first sisterhood meeting for this year to be on **Sunday September 8th at 10:00 am**. It is an important meeting as we will discuss our plans for the new year. Please try to come so we can have a successful year. We need all members to attend. Looking forward to seeing new members.

-- Marlene Dreyfuss, President

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 in Blum Hall. 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.

NAME _____

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PREFERRED PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat is a wonderful way to honor or celebrate an event -
- Bar Mitzvahs, anniversaries, remembrance, simcha, or simply because it's
Shabbat! We try not to make this process complicated, so if you would like to
sponsor an oneg, call the Temple office at (818) 843-4787!



Temple Beth Emet Book Club

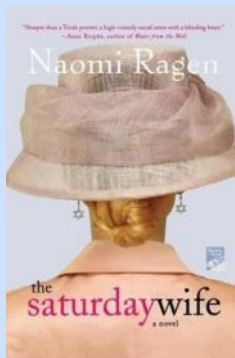


Conducted by Fran Bourne-Johnson

Where: Blum Hall at Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

When: September 24, 2019 7:00PM to 8:30 PM

What is the book we will read and discuss: *The Saturday Wife* by Naomi Ragen



Beautiful, blonde, materialistic Delilah Levy steps into a life she could have never imagined when in a moment of panic she decides to marry a sincere Rabbinical student. But the reality of becoming a paragon of virtue for a demanding and hypocritical congregation leads sexy Delilah into a vortex of shocking choices which spiral out of control into a catastrophe which is as sadly believable as it is wildly amusing.

Told with immense warmth, fascinating insight, and wicked humor, *The Saturday Wife* depicts the pitched and often losing battle of all of us as we struggle to hold on to our faith and our values amid the often delicious temptations of the modern world.

Where to get the book: The book is available on Kindle and in print at Amazon.com and other retailers. Please read the book and be prepared to discuss it.

Cost of Participating: Free!

See you September 24!

*Synopsis courtesy of Amazon.com



MONTHLY YAHRZEITS HONORING THE MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

SEPTEMBER YAHRZEITS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REMEMBERED BY:</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REMEMBERED BY:</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<u>At Temple September 6, 2019</u>			<u>At Temple September 20, 2019</u>		
Alan Glick	Ruth Glick	September 2	Frieda Weicensang	Linda Mazur	September 15
Gertrude Altman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	September 4	Michael Liebgot	Howard Liebgot	September 16
Armin Wolf	Congregation	September 4	Robert Wade	Sue Schohan	September 17
Sam Bermack	Congregation	September 5	Martha Wertlieb	Jessica Wertlieb	September 18
Max Kapson	Pat Bigley	September 6	Jerry Engelberg	Congregation	September 19
Morey Cohen	LaVerne Cohen	September 7	Bernard Kess	Rhonda Kess	September 19
			Evelyn Lewis	Ira & Diane Goldstein	September 20
<u>At Temple September 13, 2019</u>			<u>At Temple September 27, 2019</u>		
Susan Moore	Margery Brown	September 10	Theodore Cline	Hannah Cline	September 23
Lynnie Cannon	Howard Liebgot	September 11	Lester Klein	Cheryl Mundon	September 24
Sidney Friedman	Stuart Friedman	September 11	Miriam Pasternack	Peter Golper	September 25
Mildred Gold	Congregation	September 12	Charlotte Krongold	Rhonda Kess	September 26
James Mattis	Congregation	September 13	Stan Feit	Dr. Eric Feit	September 27
			Donald Ham	Kyle Orlemann	September 28
			Zina Lubow	Congregation	September 28



YAHRZEIT DONATIONS - HONORING THE MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

YAHRZEIT DONATIONS

My Mom, Theresa Testa remembered by Ann L. Testa

Sandra Ditter remembered by Ilene & Jeff Oseas

Barbara Golper remembered by Peter Golper

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Planned Giving is a wonderful and loving way to ensure the legacy of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank and future generations. Planned Giving can be as simple as a bequest or a more complex financial arrangement which can provide many options and possible tax deductions for the donor.

Speak with your legal and financial advisors as to the best way to structure your wills and estate planning to include the Temple in your current and future plans.

Information on Planned Giving can also be found on our website at:

<http://www.templebethemet.com/social-action/donations/>

SEPTEMBER 2019 ELUL 5779/TISHREI 5780

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 	3 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	4	5	6 5:30 PM Tot Shabbat 6:00 PM Pizza Night 7:00 PM Family Service	7
8 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon 10:00 AM - Sisterhood Meeting Open House 10:00AM - 1:00 PM 	9	10	11 	12	13 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	14
15 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon 	16	17	18	19	20 7:30 PM Shabbat Musical Service 	21 7:30 PM Selichot Service 
22 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon	23	24 7:00 PM - Book Club	25	26	27 7:30 PM Shabbat Service 	28
29 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon  8:00 PM Rosh Hashanah Evening Services	30 10:00 AM Rosh Hashanah Services 					

Coming in October: Tues. Oct. 1 - Temple Board Meeting, 7:00 PM. Fri. Oct. 4 - Tot Shabbat, 5:30 PM, Pizza Night, 6:00 PM, Family Shabbat Service, 7:00 PM. Tues. Oct. 8 - Erev Yom Kippur Services - 8:00 PM. Wed. Oct. 9 - Yom Kippur Services, 10:00 AM. Tues. Oct. 22 - Simcha Torah, 7:00PM. Tues. Oct. 29 - Book Club, 7:00 PM



HIGHLY VALUED AND APPRECIATED CONTRIBUTORS (H V A C)



*The following have contributed to the replacement of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system in Blum Hall!
We warmly thank these very cool people.*

Fran Bernstein

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To date we have raised approximately HALF of the cost of the replacement of the system. We appreciate the good people at

Chuck Doidge Heating & Air Conditioning

*for allowing us to pay the balance over time, **but** we must still raise rest of the money. **Your continued contributions are needed!***



September Birthdays

Sasha DeVillier	September 2
Bruce Bigley	September 10
Naomi Aronoff	September 26
Chloe Lava	September 27
Joyce Feinsilber	September 28
Ian Noureal	September 28
Chris DeVillier	September 29
Bonnie Friedman	September 30
Brian Sharaf	September 30

September Anniversaries

Bert & Marla Goldberg September 17

Visit the Helen Pappert Gift Shoppe

The Sisterhood Gift Shop is filled with products for all your Judaic needs. All items are reasonably priced and wonderfully thoughtful gifts for birthdays, bar and bat mitzvot, anniversaries, or just to say, "I love you."

Havurah Happenings

Havurah Simcha L'Chaim

Havurah Simcha L'Chaim members are mainly retired people. If you would like to join, please let me know. If you would like to be in a new Havurah, please let me know and we can try to get a new group started.

Please call me to discuss it.

Ruth Glick [818 780 9134](tel:8187809134)

Remember the sick, recovering and bereaved with cards, calls and visits.

Please say prayers of *Refuah Sh'leimah* for:

Orven Schanzer has been ill for some time now, may G-d grant him comfort and complete recovery.

Stuart Friedman has been ill. Let's join together in prayer for his improved and continued good health.

Please call the Temple Office at (818) 843-4787 if a Temple Member is sick, recovering or hospitalized.



**PIZZA NIGHT RETURNS
SEPTEMBER 6 AT 6:00 PM.**

TOT SHABBAT 5:30 PM.

OUR FAMILY SERVICE 7:00 PM.

COME JOIN US!



Do You Have a Son and/or Daughter In College?



Temple Beth Emet has started a program to connect with our students attending a College. We would like to help them to continue their Jewish way of life and offer them additional support. This way, they will always have an open line of communication with our Rabbi, should they have questions or need direction; and we will remind them of their link to Israel and to keep connected to the Jewish Community. After college, we hope to have them join our Temple, as an adult.

Please send an e-mail to office@templebethemet.com and give the following information:

**The name of the Student;
Class Level;
Address;
Name of the University, and;
If the Student is a member of any organization or club on campus.**

The Temple will send a care-package for each holiday, as a gift to the Student with a calendar of events at the Temple for each month. The Student will be invited to all events sponsored by the Temple. We would like to encourage the Student to return to the Temple as often as they wish; as the Temple would like to offer itself as a second home and place of Jewish learning. We look forward hearing from you!

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 you in your name to those in need of healing and an amount of \$10 will be added to your bill each time a card is sent in your name.

**Contact the Temple Office at:
818 843-4787**



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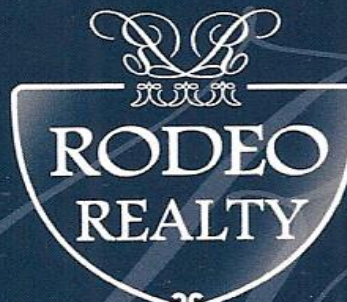
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