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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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I would rather die of passion than of boredom" (Emile Zola)



Frankly, I don't like January. It is the Debbie Downer of months. We and many of our neighbors are coming off the holiday season. a time of great joy, identity and empowerment. The Maccabees great Victory, the Birth of Jesus and Kwanzaa's expression of Black Pride. All these holidays are great sources for identifying with your roots. Almost everyone gets into the holiday spirit in December so by January normal routine is more boring than normal.

We need to enliven the boring, spark up the daily routine. Make new ceremonies!

So here is what I propose, to maintain our high level of Jewish identity. Let us seek out and acknowledge heroes like the Maccabees who fought for our independence. Better yet let us find heroes who still are alive and honor them. I am partial to Ruth Bader Ginsberg, as she once was a Professor of Law at my Alma Mater, Rutgers and now she sits on the Supreme Court. Or perhaps, Adam Schiff, long before he was the Chairman of the House Intelligence committee, he was a staunch ally of Israel.

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January 3 at 6:00 PM.

Tot Shabbat Service 5:30 PM

Family Shabbat Service 7:00 PM

(No Pizza Night this month.)



*Temple Beth Emet Religious School
Resumes Sunday, January 12, 2020!*

ADULT EDUCATION CONTINUES!

JEWS IN AMERICA

January 14, 2020 - 7:00 PM

Assimilation and Integration

Separate but Equal

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SAVE THE DATE!

TEMPLE MEET AND GREET

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

February 15, 2020 - 6:00 - 10:00 PM

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READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

**Our Temple Book Club has!
Join us January 28 at 7:00 PM**

When we will discuss:

Don't Stop the Carnival,

By Herman Wouk

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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

Saturday & Sunday - closed

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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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Now these are national public figures, what about local people who have done heroic things for our people. We could not have applied for a Security grant had it not been for Lt. Pfrommer of the Burbank PD. We could honor him as one of our honorees for January. These are just some of my thoughts. If you would like to honor someone and they could be at Temple to be honored that would be great. Always remember, Heroes come in many shapes and sizes and actions.

The only criteria I would use would be that they helped the Jewish People achieve Religious and /or Political freedom.

A Shabbos Candle lighting ceremony. where the honorees are recognized for their actions preserving the Jewish people.

There is a Hasidic teaching that in every generation there are 36 people who do hidden mitzvot to bring about the Redemption of the world (Tikkun Olam). I really don't think that G-D would be angry with us if we honored a Lamed Vavnik.

Without knowing their special status.

More importantly, we would be keeping the eternal light of the Maccabees burning in our hearts as the glow of honor spread throughout the congregation. We would call it Three M night, Maccabee, Member, Mitzavah night!

We could have ballots printed up. Blank cards actually and people could write the people they want honored and why on the card.

This way we keep the heroic Maccabee spirit alive at Temple Beth Emet.

B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - January 2020

It is a sad fact that when acts of antisemitism occur we are no longer surprised. We know that the incidence of antisemitic acts has increased over the past several years and each time acts of antisemitism makes the news we may feel a range of emotions - anger, fear, sympathy, resolve - but surprise is probably not among them. Such was my reaction when I heard of the attack the seventh night of Hanukkah at the home of a Rabbi in Monsey, New York.



The family of the alleged attacker claims that the man was mentally ill, but really, is the irrational hatred of anyone different anything else but a mental illness? We know that violence is not always the result of bigotry-driven hate and that point was brought home the very morning after the Monsey attack when a man opened fire inside a church in Texas. But as a Jewish community and individually as Jews, we must ask ourselves not only how well are we prepared to meet the threat of antisemitism, but how we can combat antisemitism.

At Temple Beth Emet, we not only have been seeking ways to “harden” our facilities against threat, but we also seek to soften the hate and ignorance that sustains the threat. We do this with love and friendship. This past Hanukkah is an example. The morning of Erev Hanukkah we held our Hanukkah celebration at Temple. Our Temple Beth Emet's Got Talent performance included our preschool students, many of whom are not Jewish. These families are part of our community, and part of our curriculum is teaching our traditions and welcoming them into our Temple family.

That evening, we were at Burbank Town Center, where shoppers were treated to our candle lighting ceremony and Hanukkah songs. Being active in the larger Burbank community helps our neighbors get to know us and we are involved in many ways throughout the year. We are also active in the local ecumenical community, increasing friendship and understanding among the clergy that lead and teach local congregations.

The afternoon of the last night of Hanukkah we participated in the Hanukkah in the Foothills celebration in the Sunland-Tujunga area, with our Sisterhood presenting a fill-your-own donut hole station and Rabbi Mark leading the candle lighting. This celebration was attended by those of the local community, most of whom were not Jewish, but came to enjoy our food, songs, and games, and to learn about our people's history.

We at Temple Beth Emet take every opportunity to get to know our neighbors and have them get to know us. We know we have friends in our community and friends look out for one another.

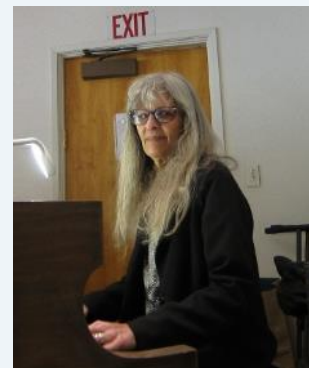
When people of different traditions become friends, ignorance is dispelled. When ignorance is dispelled, bigotry dies. Light dispels darkness. Love dispels hate. That is one way to fight antisemitism. That is one way to do Tikun Olam, repairing the world.

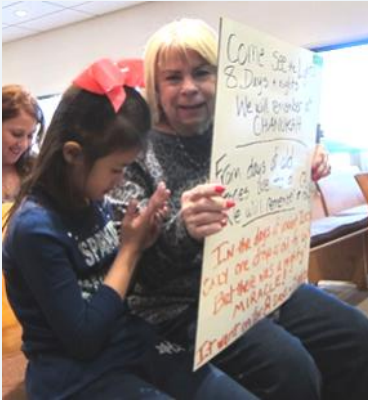
-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



Pictures from TEMPLE BETH EMET 'S GOT TALENT

Our Religious School and Preschool have been on Winter Break, so in their stead, this month we present pictures from our Hanukkah Celebration featuring performance by Frank Watnick and Margaret Bayer, our Sisterhood, Religious School Parents Association, our TBE Junior Choir, Ms. Shirley's Class, and our Preschool students. Special thanks to David Goldstein and Robyn Kreisberg for accompaniment. Enjoy!





Thank you to all who attended and participated!

Candle lighting - First night of Hanukkah - Burbank Town Center



Hanukkah in the Foothills, last night of Hanukkah



Temple Beth Emet of Burbank
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

By the time this comes out the TBE Sisterhood would have had a very busy December.



We worked hard several days wrapping at Barnes and Noble.

We did our shtick for the "talent show" and now we are looking forward to the new year.

Our next meeting will be January 5th at 20:am. We welcome any new members, either book members or active ones whom we can call upon for a little help.

Also we participated in family promise.

I would like to thank everyone for their work this year. Happy New Year and hoping to see you all next year.

Marlene

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.

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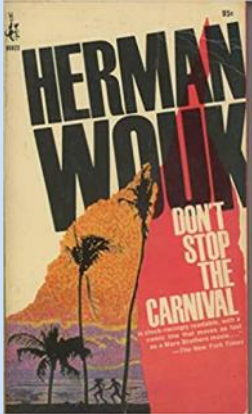
Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat is a wonderful way to honor or celebrate an event – Bar Mitzvahs, anniversaries, remembrance, simcha, or simply because it's Shabbat! We try not to make this process complicated, so if you would like to sponsor an oneg, call the Temple office at (818) 843-4787!



Temple Beth Emet Book Club



Conducted by Fran Bourne-Johnson



Where: Blum Hall at Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

When: January 28, 2020 — 7:00PM to 8:30 PM

What is the book we will read and discuss:

Don't Stop the Carnival, by Herman Wouk

It's every parrothead's dream: to leave behind the rat race of the workaday world and start life all over again amidst the cool breezes, sun-drenched colors, and rum-laced drinks of a tropical paradise.

It's the story of Norman Paperman, a New York City press agent who, facing the onset of middle age, runs away to a Caribbean island to reinvent himself as a hotel keeper. (Hilarity and disaster -- of a sort peculiar to the tropics -- ensue.)

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

Cost of Participating: Free!

* Synopsis courtesy of Goodreads.com



SPECIAL THANKS

I want to thank everyone who came to our movie night and I also want to thank Haley and her husband and Victoria. The movie "Hester Street" is a classic and I hope everyone enjoyed it. Also want to thank Tracy's boyfriend for his help. Last but not least, thank you Iris for all those lovely pastries. Hope you will all join us for another movie night. We will keep you posted.

-- Eileen Martin, Treasurer



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6 - 10PM

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JANUARY Yahrzeits

NAME:	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:	NAME:	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:
At Temple January 6, 2020			At Temple January 20, 2020		
Elmer Jacob	Phyllis Shear	January 1	Maurice Rosenthal	Gail Arce	January 15
William Naythons	David Naythons	January 1	Abraham Kogan	Nilda Benmaor	January 15
Stella Shear	Phyllis Shear	January 1	Naoma Goodman	Congregation	January 15
Sol(Sheik)Rosenthal	Gail Arce	January 2	Bernard Shenkman	Sandra Shenkman	January 16
Morris Yaras	Fran Bernstein	January 2	Chet Simpkins	Cathy Louise Zitnick	January 17
Bertha Shapiro	Mayer Nudell	January 3	Pauline Pessie	Bonnie Bunyik	January 17
Joan Kramer	Congregation	January 3	Anderle	Mayer Nudell	January 17
Dolores Sands	Lance Sands	January 3	Helen Minelli	Joyce Feinsilber	January 20
George Davis	Phil Davis	January 5	Carmel Feinsilber	Dan & Flora Mendoza-Werner	January 20
Margaret Buckley	Linda Kiernan	January 7	Susan Werner	Linda Mazur	January 21
Alex Berman	Susie & Phil Berman	January 7	Walter Schuster	Jerry Everakes	January 21
At Temple January 13, 2020			At Temple January 27, 2020		
Sylvia Becker	Gerald Becker	January 9	Blossom Tenney	Amy Belilove	January 24
Mayer Nudell	Congregation	January 9	Anna Sobel	Rabbi Mark H. Sobel	January 24
Tillie Friedman	Stuart Friedman	January 9	Celia Kaufman	Barry Kaufman	January 24
Nathaniel Millman	Congregation	January 10	Herman Sandelman	Joyce Feinsilber	January 26
Anna Romotsky	Bruce Epstein	January 10	Louis Bigley	Bruce Bigley	January 26
Ben Zober	Marlene Lipman/Basha Hope	January 12	Louis Bigley	Robert Bigley	January 26
Edward Zimmer	Congregation	January 13	Lena Rosenthal	Gail Arce	January 28
Rosalind Avrashow	Marlene Dreyfuss	January 13	At Temple February 3, 2020		
Rosalind Avrashow	Eileen Martin	January 13	Theodore Leibowitz	Geraldine Leibowitz	January 29
William Flohr	Nikki Larsen	January 13	Baruch Vismonsky	Tsipi Yaffee	January 31
Tibor Radaï	Judy Robins	January 14			
Freda Murez	Herbert Murez	January 14			
Ethyle Greenberg	Elaine Fishman	January 14			
Toni Mattis	Congregation	January 14			
Shirley Wolf	Congregation	January 14			

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

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





January Birthdays

Frank Watnick	January 3
Ethan Wertlieb	January 7
Brooklyn Bigley	January 14
Steve Gordon	January 20
Elyse Sokol	January 22
Michael Amir	January 23
Kevin Constantine	January 24
Matthew Dorfman	January 24
Vicki Margolin	January 24
Rebecca Tanner	January 24
Jay Geisenheimer	January 27

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."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 5:30 PM Tot Shabbat 7:00 PM Family Service	4
5 No Religious School 10:00 AM - Sisterhood Meeting	6	7 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	8	9	10 7:30 PM Shabbat Musical Service 	11
12 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon 9:00 AM - Religious School Parents Assoc. Meeting	13	14 7:00 PM - Adult Education - Jews in America - Session 3 - Assimilation and Integration/ Separate but Equal	15 <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	16	17 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	18
19 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon	20	21	22	23	24 7:30 PM Shabbat Service 	25
26 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon	27	28 7:00 AM Book Club	29	30	31	

Coming in February: Sun. Feb. 2 - Sisterhood Meeting, 10:00 AM. Tues. Feb. 4 - Temple Board Meeting, 7:00 PM. Fri. Feb. 7 - Tot Shabbat, 5:30 PM, Pizza Night, 6:00 PM, Family Shabbat Service, 7:00 PM. Tues. Feb. 11 - Adult Education, 7:00 PM. Sat. Feb. 15 - Meet and Greet, 6:00 PM. Tues. Feb. 23 - Book Club.



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

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?

**All sessions begin at 7:00 PM—Open to the public.
There is no charge for this series, donations accepted.**

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

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

Fran Bourne Johnson

Bailey Harrison

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.

We pray for **Maya Lee** & wish her good health

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



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)



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!



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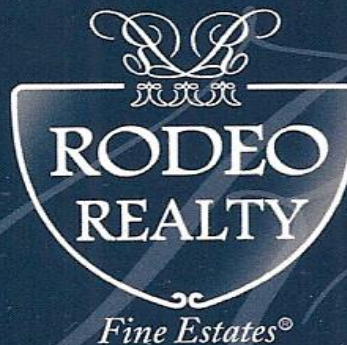
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