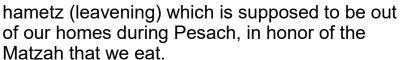


# "Wash Hands, Then Clean Prayer!" TBE Sign Board 3/15

In a few days it will be Passover. Most of us are very familiar with the Seder but not with the search to remove



The night before Passover we are to clean out our houses of anything with leavening, even crumbs. Three things happen, we tie off our cabinets, pretending that they no longer belong to us and sell all our hametz to a non-Jewish friend. Additionally, we search for any crumbs using a candle and a feather to be able to go into the smallest places to remove the smallest leavening. The morning of Passover's start, like all Jewish holidays it begins in the evening at Seder, we burn whatever pieces of hametz we have found and, of course, say a prayer. If you have ever taken part in these ceremonies with a traditional Jewish woman in her home, you know how strict she can be. There is no room for doubt! All must be gone! Thank G-d, the rabbis disagreed. They know how hard it is to kasher a house for Passover. That is why in the b'dikat hametz (search for hametz) prayer it says," All hametz in my possession which I have not seen or removed, or of which I am unaware, is hereby nullified and ownerless as the dust of the earth."

Judaism understands that some things are beyond our control. We do our best and it is NOT

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SHABBAT SERVICES ARE NOW ONLINE
FOR THE DURATION OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS
A NEW SERVICE EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
GET THE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE
www.templebethemet.com

Happy Passover Begins Evening of April 8

# SAFER AT HOME

You are confined only by the walls you build yourself.

-Andrew Murphy

## READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

**Our Temple Book Club has!** 

Tentative date: April 28 at 7:00 PM
When we will discuss:
The Garden of the Finzi-Continis
by Giorgio Bassani

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# TEMPLE BETH EMET (House of Truth) ORGANIZATION

#### Religious Leadership

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#### **CHAI TIMES**

Chai Times is the free, monthly newsletter of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank, delivered by email to members and available at www.TempleBethEmet.com.

Mailed hardcopies are available for an annual TBE donation payable through the Office.

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perfect. I believe that, in general, Judaism does not believe that anything is perfect, either good or bad. In the wedding ceremony, we break a perfectly good wine glass, that we have just said either one or two prayers over. Why? To make the point that in any relationship, even in times of great joy, there will be regret, and even in times of great sadness for the couple, they will have each other to raise them out of the total abyss of grief.

These days we are seeing a disease, some call a plague, beyond what we have ever seen, especially in my lifetime. The fear, the guilt, the anger, is rising to fantastic heights. We need to come together, be brave, be honest and be understanding. We are doing the best we can with what we have. WE is most important! We open our Shabbat services with Haveinu Shalom Aleichem. The English translation is "We bring you Shalom". The Hebrew is more exact, it means "We bring all the aspects of you, Shalom". The grammar is awkward but the meaning is pure love. All of us, in these dangerous times, need to carry Shalom, meaning, "peace, completeness and fulfillment" to each other!

The way to do it is to be understanding of our weaknesses, our confusions and our terrors. We all have a divine path that is our own and a course we have set out on. Let us guide each other with care and gentleness.

And of course, "WASH OUR HANDS"

Bahava

Rabbi Mark





#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - April 2020

You do not have to ask yourselves why this Passover is different from all other Passovers. It is abundantly clear. A plague has descended on the world, and we are not going to be spared from it this time. The Covid-19 pandemic has arrived with full force in our community, our country, and our world. Most of us will get through it fine. Some will not. A lot depends on what each of us do to protect ourselves



and our neighbors. Stay home. Wash hands. Take the recommended precautions. Stay informed. We will be delivered from this pestilence.

It seemed overnight the world changed. Our last gathering at Temple was our inspiring and inclusive multilingual Megillah reading on March 14. We cancelled the Religious School Purim Carnival set for March 15 and suspended on-site Religious School classes. Our Preschool was put in abeyance beginning March 16. Since March 20 we have gone to a weekly recorded Shabbat service. All activities at Temple have ceased. Just like the rest of our community, our Temple has gone into "social distancing."

Many of us have had our employment interrupted. As a result, some of our members and school parents have been unable to pay dues and tuition. Consequently, we cannot pay salaries or bills. If you are able, it is urgent that you continue to meet your financial commitment to the Temple and urgent that you go beyond that commitment if you can. Many of our friends' and neighbors' business have had to close temporarily, and some will not reopen. We do not want our Temple Beth Emet to meet that same fate.

The Jewish people and our institutions have faced challenges throughout history -many time these challenges have been far worse than those we and our neighbors
face now. Our people and our institutions have survived wars, the Inquisition, the
Shoah, depressions, and other pandemics. Sometimes we have barely survived,
but we have survived and we will survive this, but only if we remain faithful and true.
Survival did not just happen. It took bravery, dedication, and effort. It will take that
from all of us now.

To be sure, Temple Beth Emet is not the entirety of Judaism, but it is OUR expression of and identification with Judaism and we must not forsake it.

Our physical doors may be temporarily closed, but our Rabbi and staff are still doing what they can to keep our Temple family together. In addition to the weekly

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recorded Shabbat services, we have continued our Religious School b'nei mitzvah class by online conference and will hold our Religious School Seder on April 5 via Zoom. We will do what it takes to stay together even as we are apart physically. We must stay together. We must take care of ourselves and do what we are able to help others. We must remain faithful and strong. We look forward to the day when we can again come together in worship, learning, companionship, and love in our House of Truth, our Temple With A Heart.

Right now there is darkness about us and fear. But just as the Israelites did so long ago in Egypt, we have to make plans and preparations for when the dawn comes and we gather together to move forward.

Let us take all the joy possible in this Festival of our Freedom. God willing, we will see each other soon!

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President

With Passover just around the corner...we turned to one of our most trusted doctors, Dr. Seuss. The good doctor (of blessed memory) gives us these words to share on social distancing during Passover:

I do not want you in my house I do not want you or your spouse

I do not wish to eat with you At Seder one or Seder two! Don't get me wrong, I think you're nice But the CDC gave out this advice,

Ten Plagues are enough, you don't need one more. Turn away Elijah, the prophet, if he shows up at your front door.

This year's only guests: Father, mother, sister, brother. NEXT YEAR in Jerusalem! We will say to each other.

From now on at each seder, this story we'll tell, Of how God saved his people with a squirt of PURELL!!





# Our multilingual Megillah reading was fun for all!

(and Rabbi's costume was impressive!)

















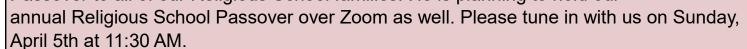


# EDUCATION MATTERS - RSPA President, CHERIE RYE

Dear Temple Beth Emet Members and Families,

I'm not sure where to start, so I won't start. I'll jump to the middle, like a middle-grade novelist trying to hold your attention.

Rabbi Sobel has continued to tutor our bar and bat mitzvah candidates via Google Hang-outs, and he recently sent social studies packets for Passover to all of our Religious School families. He is planning to hold our



Setting up a Zoom account is straight-forward: go to this website please and register:

https://zoom.us/home?zcid=2478

Rabbi will setup a meeting, and you should receive an email invitation allowing you to join his meeting. If you have video capability on your computer or phone, you will be able to see him during the Seder and participate. It is possible to use audio only.

You may have also received email from our Temple about Shabbat Services over YouTube. Please support Rabbi and Robyn by tuning in! Share it with your friends who may need a pick-me-up during these times. Here's a link to the latest service:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W\_6qiaU-Cl0

A big "thank you" to all who donated gift cards for Family Promise. Our local FP parent organization, Family Promise of the Verdugos, recognized our Temple's contribution via their social media posts. Please know that the families they host and that we have helped feed greatly appreciate your support during these trying times!

On a personal note, if your family is like mine, you've had more time on your hands than usual. One thing we have attempted to do that might be helpful to you: reclaim lost space. Given you and your family are spending more time at home, make space for yourselves! Many of us have areas of our living quarters that have turned into storage areas for things we simply haven't had time to deal with: cabinets, closets or even a patio that has been taken over by stuff we will one day "deal with." Do it now, a little bit every day if you need to. Reclaim space so that you and your family have more usable space in your home. This weekend, I tackled the host of Amazon boxes on my back patio that had become a haven to spiders and bugs. I shook the boxes out, broke them down and stuffed them into the recycling bin. I packed tools that had been left out for months into the shed, and even had to rearrange the shed to fit everything in. I moved bicycles next to the shed and threw a tarp over them. After spraying down the patio with a hose and wiping down the lawn

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## TEMPLE BETH EMET PRESCHOOL - HAYLEY WOOD, DIRECTOR



The children at TBE Preschool were having a blast with their friends and teachers until we decided to have an early spring break due to the Coronavirus.

Unfortunately we will continue to remain closed until further notice in the effort to stop the spread of this virus. We miss our preschool families terribly but are trying to connect with them virtually as much as we can. We hope to open our doors back up at Temple Beth Emet Preschool as soon as possible. The

sound of happy children playing, music and laughter will fill our school once again...and we look forward to that day!

If anyone is looking for age appropriate ways to talk to your children about this, here is a link to a CDC recommendation.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/talking-with-children.html

Stay healthy everyone!

Hayley Wood Preschool Director www.templebethemetpreschool.com (818) 861-7660



## EDUCATION MATTERS - RSPA President, CHERIE RYE (continued)

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furniture, I set the (now clean and visible) picnic tables with table cloths, put sheets and towels over our old lawn furniture to gussy them up, and asked Rebecca, my daughter, to make snacks for outdoors. She made a fancy plate of dried figs, cheese, and pieces of chocolate cake speared with pineapple. Joey, my son, made little bowls of ice cream. We brewed herbal tea, then invited the grandparents, who live with us, to sit outside. We used beach rocks and shells (that we cleaned) to hold down the table cloth corners. Together, we had tea and snacks in that reclaimed space. It was peaceful, listening to birds and watching the (still tall) grass and clover wave in the breeze. We had our first family picnic this spring in our own back yard. Grammy was inspired, and suggested setting up a Zoom picnic with relatives in Boston and San Francisco. That is our next outdoor project (besides finally trimming the grass in the back).

Wishing you health and success in your own endeavors in the days to come.

-- Cherie Rye, RSPA President





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.



#### 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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# **Temple Beth Emet Book Club**

**Conducted by Fran Bourne-Johnson** 



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

**DATE TENTATIVE** 

What is the book we will read and discuss:

THE GARDEN OF THE FINZI-CONTINIS

By Giorgio Bassani



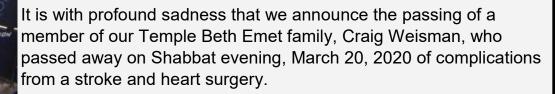
A richly evocative and nostalgic depiction of prewar Italy. The narrator, a young middle-class Jew in the Italian city of Ferrara, has long been fascinated from afar by the Finzi-Continis, a wealthy and aristocratic Jewish family, and especially by their daughter Micol. But it is not until 1938 that he is invited behind the walls of their lavish estate, as local Jews begin to gather there to avoid the racial laws of the Fascists, and the garden of the Finzi-Continis becomes an idyllic sanctuary in an increasingly brutal world. Years after the war, the narrator returns in memory to his doomed relationship with the lovely Micol, and to the predicament that faced all the Ferrarese Jews, in this unforgettably wrenching portrait of a community about to be destroyed by the world outside the garden walls.

**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 penguinrandomhouse.com

# In Memorium



Most of us knew Craig best as the volunteer videographer at High Holiday services. His boys went through our religious school and Craig served a term on the board, but preferred a less structured way of contributing to the Temple. One of his sons did an Eagle Scout project at Temple many years ago and as part of documenting that Craig took the picture of the Temple that is used on the masthead of the Chai Times as well as on our trifold, emails, and other materials. Craig also would take leftover Hollywood Bowl tickets to concerts and hawk them for donations. He was always a positive, cheerful person with a great sense of humor and a great laugh.

Craig is survived by his sons Max and Cody, and his ex-wife Diane.

אוכרונו לברכה May his memory be a blessing.



#### YAHRZEITS - HONORING THE MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

#### **APRIL YAHRZEITS**

NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE
Shabbat Services April 3, 2020			Shabbat Services April 17, 2020		
Phyllis Mehlman	Congregation	April 1	Doris Linger	Diane Linger	April 19
Margot Palmer	Marlene Dreyfuss	April 1	Elisa Gallay	Congregation	April 19
Charles Jones	Lois Jones	April 2	Joseph Friedman	Congregation	April 20
Matilda Bayer	Fred Bayer	April 2	Anna Osbaum	Marjorie Jacobs	April 21
Edith Lapidus	Barry Verdi	April 5	Anthony Mendez	Elizabeth Postal	April 21
Fred Ditter	Jeff Oseas	April 5	Suzanne Galland	Pamela Franklin	April 21
Philip Levinson	Congregation	April 6	John Manocchia	Mary Manocchia	April 22
Hanne Elaine Basskin	Congregation	April 7	Al Canter	Gail Arce	April 23
Anne Goldstein	Ira Goldstein	April 8	Ronnie Avarbuch	Mitzi Rattner	April 23
William Saunders	James P. Small	April 9	Miriam Dubinsky	Bennett Kayser	April 23
David Levinson	Congregation	April 10	Alvin M. Toffel	Dorothy Matzkin	April 24
Pauline Zober	Zober-Gold Family	April 11			
Roberto Rachilewski	Silvia Berger	April 11	Shabbat Services April 24, 2020		
			Mario Guzman	Lila Tepper	April 25
Shabbat Services April 10, 2020			Arthur Fields	Susan Fields	April 25
Fannie Zimmer	Congregation	April 12	Miriam Grunner	Shirley Abramson	April 25
Stanley Altman	Rabbi Mark & Mina	April 15			
Sonja Murez	Herbert Murez	April 17	Shabbat Services May 1, 2020		
Paz Montalvo	Jodessa Bayer	April 17	Lucy Rafaelli	Congregation	April 26
Jan Burns	James P. Small	April 18	Sheila Altman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	April 30

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Information on Planned Giving can also be found on our website at: http://www.templebethemet.com/social-action/donations/

#### APRIL 2020 NISAN/IYYAR 5780 TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY **FRIDAY** SATURDAY SUNDAY **MONDAY** 1 2 3 5 6 11 10 Passover II Erev Passover Passover I Passover III 12 16 17 18 13 14 15 Passover VIII Passover IV Passover V Passover VI Passover VII (Yizkor) Chai Times Submissions Due 20 21 Yom Hashoah 19 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 Yom HaZikaron Yom HaAtzma'ut (Israel Memorial Day) (Israel Independence Day)

Due to the current Covid-19 emergency, all events in May are "on-hold".

7:00 PM - Book Club (Tentative)



# April Birthdays

Cooper Brody	April 3
Samantha Gura	April 6
David Zollman	April 7
Alex Gordon	April 8
Barbara Harmon	April 9
Martha Sousa	April 9
Marlene Dreyfuss	April 16
Eileen Martin	April 16
Philip Davis	April 21
Robin Faerber	April 24
Isaac Flores	April 27
Charlie Constantine	April 28

# April Anniversaries

Deb S. Cohen & Bryna P. Schreier April 8

Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat is a wonderful way to honor or celebrate an event—Bar Mitzvahs, anniversaries, remembrance, simcha, or simply because its
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!

### YAHRZEIT DONATIONS - HONORING THE MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

# YAHRZEIT DONATIONS

Ida Kushner remembered by Herbert Murez

Don Jacob remembered by Phyllis Shear

Morris Glatzer remembered by Florence Mazzei

# 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."

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 <a href="Havurah Simcha L'Chaim">Havurah Simcha L'Chaim</a>

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



# TBE House of Gathering and Education

#### 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!



You can support Temple Beth Emet with a contribution to our ongoing gofundme $^{TM}$  campaign.

Your generosity will help us maintain and improve our facilities and help with our outreach and membership development programs.

Simply click here online!

#### **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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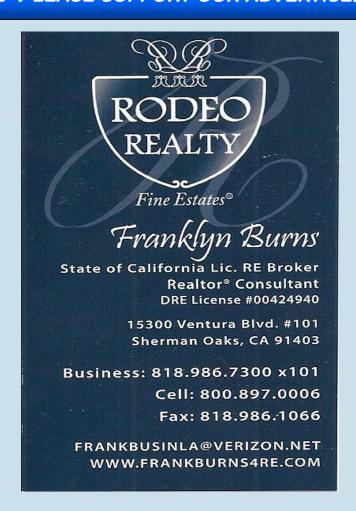
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