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# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

*"The Temple With A Heart"*

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**"God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, the wisdom to know the difference And the Vision to see the Future!" (With respect to AA)**



Death is all around us! People know people who know people who have succumbed to the virus. This is added to people we may know who are dying of natural causes or accidentally. But these are physical deaths! But what about deaths of the spirit? What about good people, who through no fault of their own feel they are no longer worthy because they cannot fulfill what they believe are their responsibilities? Or people who have lost their common sense and made money not human safety the primary goal for happiness? Or friends who are so overwhelmed by this 'never ending' plague that they lose sight of caring for other people.

As one of my colleagues related, "Money leads people to say and do things that are totally out of character" 'Agree to disagree' has become, 'My way or the Highway'. Where has the sense of togetherness and compromise that

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### **Watch Shabbat Services on YouTube**

Watch services on our YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMGJ-6nbjGVT157iUgKFBqQ?pbjreload=10>

New services posted every week, watch previous services.

### **Shabbat Services Are Now On Zoom!**

Every Friday Night at 7:00 PM  
(Currently Scheduled Through June 5)  
After the service, stay for a "virtual Oneg!"

### **Lunch with the Rabbi**

Every Wednesday at Noon

### **Annual Meeting and Elections**

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 - 7:00PM

Meeting information will be posted on our website shortly before each event

Dial in to Zoom events:

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You will be prompted for the Meeting ID and Password. These are not local numbers!



# TEMPLE BETH EMET (HOUSE OF TRUTH) ORGANIZATION

## Religious Leadership

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

Rabbi Emeritus William M. Kramer Z"L\*  
\*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

## 2019/20 Officers and Directors

### Officers

Ira L. Goldstein, *President*  
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2-3,4-5  
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Hebrew 6-7  
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Robyn Kreisberg, Music

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Victoria Gaffney

### Reach Out

Rabbi Mark Sobel

## Temple Beth Emet Office Hours

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

Saturday & Sunday - closed

## The office is closed in observance of the following holidays:

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

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contact Temple Staff/Volunteers.

Your message will be forwarded to the  
appropriate person.

## CHAI TIMES

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members, please call the office or  
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is America gone?

Just like the Coronavirus removes the sense of hearing, so does Fear! Fear that we will never recover from this plague closes off our hearing from other's fears. As we search for a closure that does not seem to exist, we put up walls preventing us from hearing and tasting the love, the joy and the happiness another person brings to us. We have become deaf to the pleas of those in need. As a result, we are retreating from becoming the loving people we strive to become. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Inaugural Speech of 1933, during the dark days of the Great Depression, which many have compared to the economic effects of the Pandemic, says:

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself-nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance".

We are all suffering the effects of fear. President Roosevelt was correct. If we let fear of the unknown prevent or hinder us from doing what is right, the Pandemic will destroy us all!

As we retract into ourselves, we go against that basic teaching of Judaism, alone, we are incomplete but as a community we are fulfilled.

How do we advance? Alone, certainly not, we must advance together. Acknowledge that Each of us is a unique entity containing a world of possibilities, increasing our possibility of success! Remember, that even when we talk of the oneness of G-d in the Shema, there are so many different aspects to G-d's unity that it is almost contradictory.

Seek out that other person's uniqueness. Look for the differing view. Don't be afraid to express your opinion as well, the more multi-faceted the conversation the better. Fight this multi-sided virus with the multi-dimension intellect only humans can bring.

Use complex discussions to dream together. How dull monochrome is, Technicolor is the way to go! Paint rainbow pictures of the future together. Boldly go where you may never have gone before. Remember the day will come when each of us will sit "safely under his own vine and fig tree" (1Kings5:25) and continue to Dream and Fulfill the dreams WE have dreamed Together!

Love and Shalom,

Rabbi Mark



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - June 2020

Wearing a mask when we go out is not a political statement. It is not an infringement on our individual rights, or an imposition by a tyrannical government. It is a mitzvah. It is a double-mitzvah in a way, because by wearing a mask when we are around others, we are not only doing pikuach nefesh. protecting life by guarding against inadvertently infecting others, endangering their lives even if it does little to protect us, but we are doing *tikkun olam*, repairing the world by doing our part in controlling and eventually conquering the coronavirus



What does it say to others when you wear a mask in public? It says you care about someone other than yourself. You care about your neighbors. You care about perfect strangers. You care about the clerks at the grocery store. And you care about the people they all know.

I came across a *brucha* for donning a face mask, which I have reproduced in this column. In Judaism it seems there is a blessing for everything. In *Fiddler on the Roof*, the rabbi is asked "Is there a proper blessing for the tsar?" The rabbi responds "A blessing for the tsar?" Of course . . . May God bless and keep the tsar . . . far away from us!"

Rabbi Ed Rosenthal, in his Blog for *Tikkun HaYam* (<https://www.repairthesea.org/single-post/2016/07/01/A-Fiddler-on-the-Roof>) tells us "The purpose of a blessing is to raise our consciousness to a higher level. To take those actions and experiences which every living

creature has (and usually takes for granted) and raise them to a level of holiness." Rabbi Mark's teaching on the subject takes us through increasing the levels of holiness associated with eating a meal. The point is that we can raise the meaning and spirituality of mundane tasks by stopping to think about our actions, and a brucha is one way to help us do that.

We are living in tense and difficult times. Many of us are on edge out of anxiety of the illness, some because of worry about finances, others are upset over the disruption of what was once our "normal" lives. When we stop and say a brucha or even just to give a thought about why we wear a mask outside of the home, the act

### Blessing For The Mitzvah Of Putting On A Mask

Baruch ata, Adonai Eloheinu, בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
Melech ha-olam, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו  
v'tzivanu al shmirat hanefesh. וְצִוָּנוּ עַל שְׁמִירַת הַנֶּפֶשׁ

Blessed are You, Eternal our God,  
Sovereign of the world,  
who has sanctified us with commandments,  
and commanded us to protect life.

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becomes less of a requirement and more of an opportunity. We are making the world a better place and taking care of one another.

There are other ways we can express our care for others during this stressful times. The simple act of saying thank you to the grocery clerk is one. Diane is particularly good at looking at the name tag of store employees and thanking them by name (and I am working on getting better at that). On social media, I see local people sharing backyard produce, offering to shop for others, even sharing which market has what in stock.

In this time of affliction, there is so much each of us can do protect and sustain life, to increase holiness, and to repair the world. We only need to open our eyes and hearts!

Stay well!

IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



***Welcome to baby Elizabeth born  
May 7, 2020 to Kenneth and  
Monica Eisinger.***

***Kenneth and his brother Robert are  
the sons of Steven and Sheri  
Eisinger.***

***Steven is the son of John ז"ל and  
Carole Eisinger ז"ל.***



***Both John and Steven served as Vice Presidents on our Board of Directors,  
and both Kenneth and Robert are alumni of our Religious School.***

***Mazel Tov to the entire Eisinger family!***

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please take notice that in accordance with the By-Laws of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank, the Annual Meeting of the membership will take place on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM by way of Zoom online conference meeting. The purpose of the meeting is the reception and reading of annual reports, the election of Officers and Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

***All members are encouraged to attend. Meeting login information will be posted on our website at a time close to the meeting, and an email will be sent to all members in good standing to the email address of record.***

### Nominated Slate of Officers for 2020—2021 Term

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of Officers and Directors of Temple Beth Emet for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 term:

<b>President:</b>	Ira Goldstein	<b>Directors:</b>	Dan Gura
<b>Vice President:</b>	Ken Watnick		Mary Gura
<b>Secretary:</b>	Marlene Dreyfuss		Barbara Harmon
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Eileen Martin		Herbert Murez
			Theda Salazar

Additional nominations will be taken from the floor, however any person nominated must be available either in attendance or by phone to accept nomination. Members may nominate themselves. All members in good standing are entitled to vote at the election of Officers and Directors.

**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)



Hello Temple Family,

Religious School has resumed via Zoom. I did a brief interview with my son to get the low-down on a typical day. At 9:30 am, students and teachers begin with a meet-and-greet. The Rabbi may give a talk to the kids, or simply allow everyone to visit. Afterwards, kids go into “break out” rooms with their teachers according to grade. My son is in the bar/bat mitzvah class, and they have social studies class with Ms. Robyn. Around 10:30, the kids take a half hour break. They grab snacks or drinks, or show off a pet over Zoom, or may tease a sibling. Pets, by the way, are often great over Zoom! Class resumes again at 11am. Once more, they start with a meet and greet. They return to a break out rooms with a different teacher. The bar/bat mitzvah class has Hebrew with Rabbi during their second hour. The school day ends with a gathering of students and teachers together. The Rabbi says a few closing words. Everyone has an opportunity to visit and say good-bye until next Sunday.



For our teachers and Rabbi, they now have an opportunity to discuss parts of the Torah and religious holidays, like Shavuot, which often occur during the summer, when Religious School has normally ended. Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai, so it seems particularly poignant now, during a time when we’ve been asked to stay at home, that we remember this awesome gift from G-d.

Also take a moment to remember how the Jewish people came to receive the Torah: they had left behind the injustice of slavery. Rabbi Ullman estimates they traveled for about seven weeks after the Exodus, so the memory of slavery’s terrors was still fresh on their minds when they received this great gift. Recently, the streets of downtown Los Angeles, along with other cities, have been filled with the voices of protest over an awful and an unnecessary death. We should recognize that slavery in this country has left an ugly legacy of poverty, racism and violence.

The Torah teaches us to stand up for justice. It also teaches us compassion. As a society, we need those lessons now more than ever.

We sincerely hope you are able to stay healthy and sane during this time, and are able to enjoy the time with your families. If you live alone, please reach out over the phone, or video chat, to family and friends. If you have friends or relatives who you know live alone, resolve today to call them. If you can, pick a date or time, and call once a week until the pandemic is over. Set an alarm on your phone to remind you to make that call. One simple call from you can brighten the day of someone feeling isolated. Let’s do our best to support each other during this time.

Remember, too, that your Temple community is also here for you.

Cherie



**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 - Marlene Dreyfuss**

Your Sisterhood President is busy making masks! Wishing everyone good health. Stay home and follow the rules so we can all be together again soon.

***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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## Temple Beth Emet Book Club

Conducted by Fran Bourne-Johnson

Book Club is on hiatus until September 22, 2020

KEEP  
READING!



## MEMBER CHAI LIGHTS

### June Birthdays

Jon Goldstein	June 9
Robert Feldman	June 11
Aaron Werner	June 16
Neil Margolin	June 19
Rabbi Mark Sobel	June 22
Kyllo Sparks	June 30

### June Anniversaries

Gerald & Harriet Winnick	June 1
Samantha & John Brody	June 16



## JUNE YAHREZITS

NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE
<b>At Shabbat Services June 5, 2020</b>			<b>At Shabbat Services June 19, 2020 (continued)</b>		
Bertha Yaras	Fran Bernstein	June 1	Irene E. Kleinberg	Congregation	June 18
Susie Ferran	The Schaffer Family	June 1	Edward A. Goldsmith	Gary Goldsmith	June 18
Selma Kaden	Ron Kaden	June 5	Dorothy Copalowitz	Congregation	June 18
Joseph Frischman	William Frischman	June 6	Stephen Kayser	Bennett Kayser	June 19
<b>At Shabbat Services June 12, 2020</b>			<b>At Shabbat Services June 26, 2020</b>		
Mollie Steinmetz	Susan Levin	June 7	Belle Klivans	Barbara Klivans	June 21
Edith Liebgot	Howard Liebgot	June 7	Morris Feinsilber	Joyce Feinsilber	June 21
Rabbi William Kramer	Congregation	June 8	Aleck Hoffman	Jack & Linda Kranz	June 21
Sylvia Schuster	Linda Mazur	June 8	James Pollard	Cindy Adkins	June 23
Minerva Sandelman	Joyce Feinsilber	June 9	Henry Kapson	Pat & Bruce Bigley	June 25
Maggie Montalbano	Bea Satmary	June 11	Henry Kapson	Bob Bigley	June 25
Cecilia Feldman	Pamela Franklin	June 12			
<b>At Shabbat Services June 19, 2020</b>			<b>At Shabbat Services July 3, 2020</b>		
Samuel Polakoff	Fran Bernstein	June 15	Sidney J. Epstein	Adrienne Everakes	June 27
Regina Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	June 16	Charles Kayser	Bennett Kayser	June 29
			Anna Somerfield	Ellie Somerfield	June 30



## CREATE A LASTING LEGACY

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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/>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	4	5 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	6
7 9:00AM - 12:00PM Religious School Zoom session	8	9	10 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	11	12 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	13
14 9:00AM - 12:00PM Religious School Zoom session   Flag Day	15  <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	16 7:00PM - Annual Membership Meeting by Zoom	17 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	18	19 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	20
21 9:00AM - 12:00PM Religious School Zoom session   Happy Father's Day	22	23	24 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	25	26 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	27
28 9:00AM - 12:00PM Religious School Zoom session (Concluding session)	29	30				

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

## Yahrzeit Donations

Fanny Kurland Cohen remembered by LaVerne & Robert Cohen

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Charles Jones remembered by Lois Jones

## Special Acknowledgement

Temple Beth Emet would like to acknowledge the generous donation from

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## A Message From the Hollywood Bowl:

***"We are sad to share that, for the first time in its almost century-long history, the Hollywood Bowl will be silent this summer. In response to the latest guidance of public health officials and in an effort to protect our artists, audiences, staff, and community from the spread of COVID-19, we are canceling the 2020 season at the Hollywood Bowl. This includes LA Phil-presented concerts scheduled from June 6 through September 26."***



### 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](mailto: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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### Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are always in order for happy or sad occasions. These cards are a wonderful way to remember or honor someone.

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



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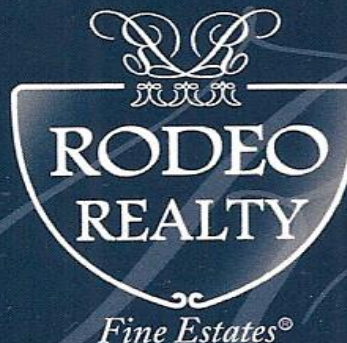
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