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Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness"

(The Declaration of Independence 1776)



One day last month, I received a phone call from the Burbank Human Relations Committee leader. I had called about organizing a vigil in honor of Mr. Floyd but also to deal with a matter of great importance to me, the value of all life. Black lives matter, of course. And 400 years of discrimination contributes to the feeling on the part of Black children and their parents that they don't matter. This frustration and anguish had spilled over into violence in the name of protest. The jury is still out if the looters were part of the main stream protest or criminals hiding amongst the thousands, no millions, of demonstrators who truly feel change must be in the wind.

I was asked to write about the value of Human life. It was to be combined with other clergy writings and read by the mayor in a Zoom City Council meeting.

I am reprinting it here because it does sum up my feelings on the "Lives matter" issue"

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Watch Shabbat Services on YouTube

Watch services on our YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMGJ-6nbjGVT157iUgKFBgQ?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

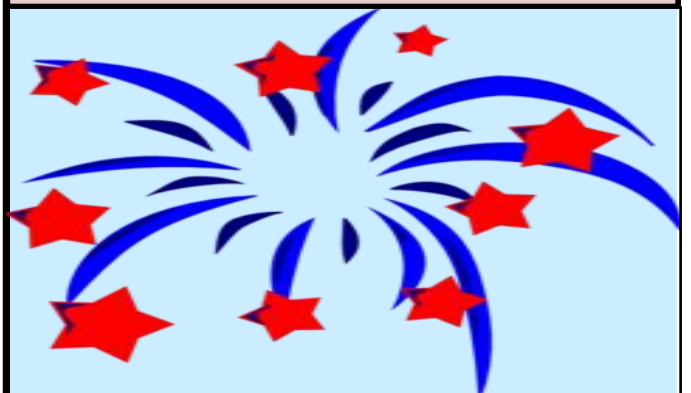
Meeting information will be posted on our website shortly before each event

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





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Robyn Kreisberg

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*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

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Dear Friends,

Today we stand together to mourn the needless death of George Floyd, who most of us did not know. Mr. Floyd's death was not merely one of a single human being. The Talmud, the compendium of Jewish commentaries on the Bible, speaks to the vastness of human existence. A person, like God, it says, is a compendium of wondrous aspects.

The Talmud states, Sanhedrin 37a, "When you destroy a soul, you have destroyed an entire world". We may not know the world or worlds that was George Floyd, but we do know that the cosmos we live in is less rich because of his loss.

The Talmud continues, giving us aim and direction," He who saves a life it is as if he saved a world",

Remember, friends, violence is destructive! Peace is constructive! We must save lives in this time of great trauma!

This same section of Talmud further calls out to us,

"Why was man created alone? To bring Peace among people". To honor George's memory may we make Peace today and every day?! And may we strive always to save the entire galaxies that are people and help make peoples' infinitely wonderful lives matter, because the solar system that is their life matters to all of us."

I wrote that piece aimed at the memory of one human but it is meant for all Humans. White, Black, Red, Yellow, gay, straight, male female, transgender, all deserve to become the world they are destined to be!

The word *Shalom*, is from the same root as the word *Shalem* which complete. By bringing another person Shalom, you help complete them. How does one go about completing a person they care about or one they barely know?

We are taught that we pray for healing for others before ourselves. We pray for those who are in danger and then we pray for our own safety. A friend of mine said it well. If there is a row of houses and all are fine except the one that is burning, of course you save the one afire and then you help the victims with shelter, food, clothing and whatever they need. We

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - July 2020



We were supposed to go to Baltimore last month. Diane is a Family and Consumer Sciences professional and her professional organization holds an annual conference each June. Last month's conference was scheduled for Baltimore. I tag along on these conferences so that I can explore new places while she is in conference sessions. In the evenings we go to dinner, sometimes on our own and sometimes with other conference attendees. Before we go, I do some research and try to find out what there is to see and, importantly, what food is the city known for. I think a city's signature dish is a wonderful reflection of the city's history and culture. In Saint Louis, there is fried ravioli, barbeque, and a horrid version of pizza. In Dallas there is, what else, barbecue. In Baltimore, it was to be crab cakes. (I know, how could the Temple president mention tref in his column!)

Because of the coronavirus, the conference was cancelled. Instead, the organization put together an online conference with Zoom sessions. It worked out well, all things considered. Diane wrote a column about the conference for the organization's California affiliate organization, and in that she discussed the one shortcoming of the online conference, close personal interaction. Although she could "see" many friends and colleagues attending, she could not hug dear friends, she could not catch-up on their lives, she had no opportunity to meet someone new by happenstance. At a conference many years ago she was looking at the poster presentations and met some colleagues from Iowa State University. From them she learned about a doctoral program that allowed for distance learning and intense summer sessions in Iowa. It gave her the opportunity to do something she had always wanted to do, earn her Ph.D. You never know who you will meet or what you will discover when you are really there.

Human beings are social animals and we need contact with other people. Since March, much of our social interaction has been replaced with online work and classes, and even online worship. If we are lucky, we might have online sessions where we can see the other participants. We have held several Temple meetings on Zoom, and while it really gives one an emotional lift to see others, it isn't the same as sitting around a table face to face. Even as we explore the possibility of resuming live Shabbat services, we keep reminding ourselves how different they will have to be. There will be social distancing, face masks, and the taking of temperatures. There will not be prayer books, congregational singing, responsive reading aloud, or a communal Oneg Shabbat. Many of our community will not join us out of an abundance of caution. And there will be no

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at Temple, even though we are not physically together, can act as a congregation. We know people in the minority communities. When was the last time we reached out to them? We have members whose families live throughout this country. Did anyone call the member and ask how their family is doing given the protests? Did you call your Congressman and ask what are they doing to bring about reform, not just police reform but voting reform, housing reform, school reform. Get involved!

REFORM America and Especially your attitude to others who are different then you. Your transition will be miraculous!

Shabbat, our gift to the world tells us in the Ten Commandments that it is not enough for us to have a time of rest. Not enough for our children or our families but also the 'Stranger that dwells in our mist'. Give that stranger a respite from the stress that has been their life in America. You do it by simply getting involved in change. Learn how their world revolves. See their world as they see it. Then if you can change the negatives to positive, help them! If you can make the beautiful prettier, join them. If you make their bad times less bad and their good times better, you both will have discovered the new world that belongs to you both for you have built it together.

Further, the time to sit back and say that that it is another's responsibility to make changes to make their world better is Over! We must look to change the world. It is not enough to let nature take its course, we must aid those in need! For we are needy, too!

B'ahava and Happy Independence Day,

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Join us for Installation Shabbat on July 10, 2020.



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hugs. Jews hug. Jews like to tell stories and jokes and laugh out loud together. That will have to wait.

No one really knows how long it will be like this, but we know it will not end any time soon. While it is normal to think about all the things we won't be doing for a while, we do need to fight the propensity to dwell on what we have lost. We need to make the most of what we still have, what we can still do, how we can still interact. We need to look for the opportunities the current situation allows us. Diane and I have managed to clear off the DVR, do more gardening, and use some of the things that have been sitting in the freezer a while. I've even read a few books that would not be relevant to our book club.

We will get through this together. Perhaps not as "together" as we might like, but as "together" as we can. One day this will be behind us. Then we will trade stories about how we coped, we will tell jokes and laugh right next to each other. We will raise our voices in song and prayer together. And we will hug!

Wish everyone a wonderful Independence Day.

IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President

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,



Today (June 28) marked the last meeting of Religious School. It was an emotional moment for children and teachers, but also one of accomplishment. Ira, our Temple President, wrote the parents, children, Rabbi and teachers a letter of appreciation. He said it best:

"I cannot express how much I appreciate and admire each of you for the part you played in bringing this term to a successful and meaningful conclusion. Bravo, everyone!"

This process has been a learning process, and has not been without its bumps. We've had technical issues with Zoom, parents inadvertently left off Zoom emails, students or teachers muted without realizing it, students needing to mute due to background noise and the occasional weird echo. But we've also had Zoom lessons that felt like more pajama parties, with pets in attendance, younger or older siblings wandering through to greet folks, and children literally hanging out in PJs together. During and despite this, our children learned new material. They covered holidays and Torah portions we would not have covered otherwise. Religious School, this summer, provided our children with much-needed social and learning opportunities after public school ended and summer camps were not able to open. A parent shared this astute observation during our last meeting.

In addition to Ira's words of thanks, I want to thank our community of parents and teachers for their patience during our organizing phase, and humbly ask for your continued patience as we figure out a plan for the Fall. Please continue to email, call or text with corrections if we miss you on a Zoom. Thank you, too, for your generosity: every Temple family has contributed valuable time and money to our Religious School, and you deserve our heartfelt thanks.

Please have a restful, enjoyable and healthy summer! Remember, too, that your Temple community is right here with you. Let's continue to work together, learn together, play and stay together.

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.

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July Birthdays

Alan Langer	July 3
Irene Bobrowsky	July 4
Joel Lava	July 4
Sarah Lava	July 5
Finn Lava	July 6
Matthew Sapper	July 7
Agnes Bertiz	July 13
Rebecca Amir	July 19
Ezra Bergstein	July 21
Philip Wolfson	July 25
Adriana Bolotsky	July 26
Samuel McKinnon	July 29

July Anniversaries

Dan Werner & Flora Werner-Mendoza	July 20
Tony & Stacey Solomons	July 31



JULY Yahrzeits

NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE
At Shabbat Services July 3, 2020			At Shabbat Services July 17, 2020 (continued)		
Samuel Sillman	Lois Jones	July 2	Barbara Golper	Peter Golper	July 14
Maxwell Somerfield	Ellie Somerfield	July 3	Dee Segall	Congregation	July 14
Jeffrey Gordon	Joyce Feinsilber	July 4	Leonard Kravetz	Iris Abrams	July 16
Ruth Feinstein	Joel Feinstein	July 4			
At Shabbat Services July 10, 2020			At Shabbat Services July 24, 2020		
James Porter	Congregation	July 5	Jesse Alexander	Congregation	July 20
Philip Carpe	Congregation	July 5	Helen Segal	Naomi Aronoff	July 20
Gustave Haberfeld	Lila Tepper	July 5	Abe Goldstein	The Goldstein Family	July 25
Maria Elena Nudell	Mayer Nudell	July 7			
Sylvia Aronson	Congregation	July 10	At Shabbat Services July 31, 2020		
			Phillip J. Freeman	Judy Robins	July 28
			Helen Tomsy	Congregation	July 29
At Shabbat Services July 17, 2020			Anna Carpe	Congregation	July 29
Morris Lubow	Congregation	July 12	Amelia Ascherman	Hannah Cline	July 31
Theodore E. Zahler	Congregation	July 14	Morris Rothman	Sara Faden	July 31
Barbara Ackerman	Congregation	July 14	Sidney Karchmer	Linda Mazur	July 31

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	2	3 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	4 
5	6	7 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting on Zoom (Meeting information posted on our website prior to the meeting)	8 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	9	10 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube Installation Shabbat	11
12	13	14	15 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom <div style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	16	17 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	18
19	20	21	22 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	23	24 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Due to the current Covid-19 emergency, all events in August are “on-hold”.



Yahrzeit Donations

Fanny Kurland Cohen, remembered by LaVerne & Robert Cohen

Marc Goldwater remembered, by Terry Goldwater

Charles Jones remembered, by Lois Jones

Regina Glatzer remembered, by Florence H. Mazzei

Abe Goldstein, remembered by the Goldstein Family



Temple Beth Emet Book Club

Conducted by Fran Bourne-Johnson

Book Club is on hiatus until September 22, 2020



**KEEP
READING!**



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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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:
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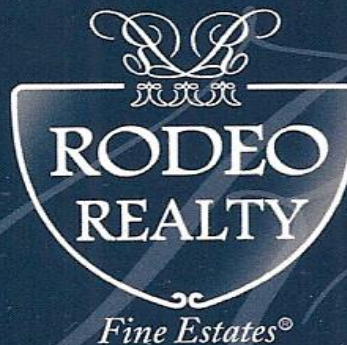
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