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"The Temple With A Heart"

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Shana Tova u'metuka (Good and Sweet year). Traditional Rosh Hashanah Greeting

Shana Tova is the Traditional greeting for Rosh Hashanah. It means a Good Year. We don't wish each other a Happy New Year because we know what makes you happy may not be good for you.

But I was thinking that in the midst of all that is bad, an impossibly large death toll from the virus. Lying by political leaders, half-truths spoken by candidates, rise in alcohol and drug sales due to the stresses of this vast disruption of life, I would focus on the good things that people are doing here at Temple.

In the spring we organized Zoom You tube Friday night services. We taped on Thursday, uploaded to You Tube, shared screen so that the YouTube video would play for the Zoom meeting and after the service had Zoom live Kiddush from my study. Thank you to Robyn, Joshua, Miranda Goldstein, David Goldstein Ira, Eileen, Bunny, Herb, Barbara, Howard, Margaret and Fred and the rest of the viewers and listeners. Yes, I learned that you can Zoom listen as well as Zoom View!

After the shock somewhat wore off, we organized our own version of the School Passover Seder. We had 40 + viewers on Zoom so we know some of our Adult members were playing school kid at that time. As with Rabbi Kiva, you are never too old to learn. And believe me, I have learned a lot about Zoom

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Watch Shabbat 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

After the service, stay for a "virtual Oneg!"

Lunch with the Rabbi

Every Wednesday at Noon

<http://www.templebethemet.com/home/upcoming-events/zoom-weekly-events/>

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES ON YOUTUBE

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 12 - 7:30 PM

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 18 - 8PM

Saturday, September 19 - 10AM

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 27 - 8PM

Monday, September 28 - 10AM

Members in good standing will receive the private YouTube links by email.

Prayer book available on our website.

Virtual "tickets" available for purchase.

Selichot and Yom Kippur Afternoon/Yizkor services will be public - no "ticket" required.

Scroll of Remembrance submissions and Pledge Cards Available on our website!



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Music and Choir Director,
Robyn Kreisberg

Rabbi Emeritus William M. Kramer Z"L*
*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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Your message will be forwarded to the
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שנה טובה *Shanah Tova!*



If you have any suggestions or ideas
on how we can better serve our
members, please call the office or
email us at:

office@Templebethemet.com



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meetings, breakout rooms Share Screen and how to be creative. Temple members have even learned what my study looks like. They say it looks just like my office at Temple.

We continued our distance learning by sending home information packets about the Passover holiday and the State of Israel.

But the teachers felt it wasn't enough so in Mid-May we began Zoom School. It met at approximately the same time as regular religious school and the students of our school, who wanted to participate did from our first graders to our teen-agers in age appropriate classes and we made sure they had music, too. Zoom School lasted until the end of June and I would like to thank my teachers, Shirley Kirschenbaum, Laura Goldstein, Hayley Wood, Robyn Kreisler and Joshua Sobel. They rose to the occasion with joy. Love for our children and great patience and creativity. When a child is in front of you in person it is much easier than on a screen.

I want to share an event from my days of teaching Zoom Bar/Bat Mitzvah class. One of the students lost her place in the prayer we were studying. As all 4 of the students images were in front of me side by side, I told the student next to her to point to the word my lost student needed to say. The student said to me, "Rabbi, you forget" I am in another house".

To me they were sitting next to each other!

Another new activity that I am proud of is Lunch with the Rabbi! For years, I have wanted to have people come to Temple and spend time talking, discussing and being together in an informal setting. It took this plague to make it happen. Victoria came up with a great incentive. A stump the Rabbi Contest. If one of the attendees asks a question I cannot answer, they get a prize. We have awarded 3 prizes, I knew our congregants were smart but not how smart. The questions have ranged from Jewish Kings of China to Toilets at Ellis Island to Genealogy. The discussion has ranged from the boycott of Israel to attending sports games. We meet on Wednesdays at 12. Please come. Both Zoom links for Friday Night Services and Lunch with Rabbi are listed on the Temple Web site. Barukim Ha Ba'im you are welcome, Please Come!

These are some of the Good things that we have done in the year 5780. As we are planning until things change to continue them, they will bring us a Good Year in 5781. More importantly, we each of us need to ask what can I do to make the new year a good one for me and for those I love. Be creative, be ingenious and mostly don't be afraid to learn new things. Zoom, Youcut, a video synchronization program, You Tube and audio mixers were strange to me. Now while not fully comfortable, I am not as afraid. Don't worry, I still get frustrated.

But I have Temple members and friends who lend their talents to helping make this the Temple with the Biggest heart. And that is the sweetest and greatest Goodness.

Shana Tova and be safe,

Rabbi Mark



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - September 2020

What will the High Holidays look like for the Temple Beth Emet family this year? Things will be different, to be sure. We will not be worrying about where to park and we will not have to read the signs to make sure there is no street sweeping. We will not pass through our front doors and past our greeters manning the table in the foyer, waving our tickets. We will not fill our sanctuary dressed in our "Sunday best."



Some things will look and sound familiar with that intimate Temple Beth Emet feel. There will be services, complete with the *Machzor*, and Rabbi leading, Robyn chanting, and the choir singing. There will be cards for you to fill out for the Scroll of Remembrance and pledge cards. And yes, there will be a *Kol Nidre* appeal -- you didn't think you were going to get away from that, did you?

Our "new normal" for the time being has required some adjustments. We will probably be at home in our den or living room. The service is going to be recorded and uploaded to YouTube, and we will be watching on our computers or phones or tablets. If we have a "smart" television or a streaming device like Roku, Apple TV, or Fire Stick, we can use the YouTube channel to watch services on our televisions. The *Machzor* will be broken down to PDF files for each service, which we can view on our tablet or other device, or a separate window on our computer. Even the cards for the Scroll of Remembrance and the pledge cards can be completed online on our website.

So here are some questions -- are you going to dress up for the service or watch in your sweat pants and shirt? During those parts of the service where we usually stand, are you going to stand? Will you chant and read along at those parts of the service where we usually chant and read? Will you bend your knee and bow at *Alenu*?

Those of us who have been attending the Zoom and YouTube Shabbat services these past months have already had to deal with these questions, but even if you have been taking the more relaxed approach for Shabbat, are you going to up your game for the High Holidays? I know Rabbi Mark will encourage you to elevate your experience if you feel comfortable, and dress for services, stand and chant and read aloud.

To paraphrase Tevya from *Fiddler on the Roof*, you may ask, "What are you going to do, Ira?" I'll tell you... I don't know! Quite honestly, I am going to see where the spirit of the High Holidays takes me. We are, however, in the month of *Elul*, and it is supposed to be a

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Watching Services on YouTube?

Enhance your experience!

You may be able to watch services on your television rather than your computer or pad.



If you have a “smart” television, Roku, Chromecast, or other streaming device you may already have access to the YouTube channel. Find the Temple Beth Emet (of Burbank) channel and watch our videos!

If your device has an HDMI port, a simple HDMI cable may be all you need to play video services directly from your device.



Or you may need a USB to HDMI adapter and an HDMI cable. (available on Amazon)

If your television does not have an HDMI input, there may be other methods of connection your device to view YouTube videos on your television.

Stay connected with Temple Beth Emet!





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month of spiritual preparation for Rosh Hashana, a time of reflection and drawing closer to God. I hope our *Elul* journey will encourage us all to elevate our High Holiday experience, so while I may not don my usual coat and tie, I cannot see myself *davening* in my Covid casuals.

However you choose to participate in our High Holiday Services together-while-apart, safer-at-home, on behalf of the Temple administration as well as my family and myself, I wish you "*l'shanah tova tikatevu*," may it be a good and sweet year for all of us. And God willing, may we all gather together next year in our own sanctuary again.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President

L'Shana Tova

לשנה טובה

Wishing You a New Year
Filled with Health & Happiness!



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:

The beginning of Religious School is fast approaching. The first day of classes to be held over Zoom will be held on Sunday, September 13th. While BUSD and LAUSD are also holding classes over Zoom, Beth Emet's Religious School will follow the recommendations for schools in Burbank and LA Counties.



Similar to last semester's Zoom schedule, classes will start at 9:30 am. For most students, they will have both an hour of social studies and an hour of Hebrew, with a thirty minute break after their first hour.

9:30 to 10:30 am: first hour

10:30 to 11:00 am break

11:00 am to 12:00 second hour

Some families have already registered. If you have not yet registered, forms may be found here:

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

These may be printed and mailed, dropped off, or edited via a PDF editor such as Acrobat and emailed to the Temple Office. Books for each grade may also be picked up at the Temple Office.

If your child does not have a text book yet, please call the office to make arrangements to pick one up! Children will be using a text book this year rather than receiving handouts over email.

The parent group met with Rabbi this past Sunday, August 30th, to ask questions, discuss the upcoming school year and just have an opportunity to see each other after the summer.

Thank you to everyone who attended! We're looking forward to a fun-filled and informative year!

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

The Sisterhood's activities are on hiatus now but we hope to be raring to go once things go back to our new normal. We miss everyone very much and hope everyone is taking care of themselves and their family during these very trying times. Best wishes from the Sisterhood.

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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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
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Yahrzeit Donations

Evelyn Lewis, remembered by Diane Lewis-Goldstein and Family



Temple Beth Emet - Book Club



Temple Beth Emet Book Club
Conducted by Fran Bourne-Johnson

Book Club remains on hiatus.

**KEEP
READING!**



SEPTEMBER Yahrzeits

NAME: REMEMBERED BY: DATE: NAME: REMEMBERED BY: DATE:

Shabbat Services September 4, 2020

Alan Glick	Ruth Glick	September 2
Gertrude Altman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	September 4
Armin Wolf	Congregation	September 4
Sam Bermack	Congregation	September 5

Shabbat Services September 11, 2020

Max Kapson	Pat Bigley	September 6
Morey Cohen	LaVerne Cohen	September 7
Susan Moore	Margery Brown	September 10
Lynnie Cannon	Howard Liebgot	September 11
Sidney Friedman	Stuart Friedman	September 11
Mildred Gold	Congregation	September 12

Shabbat Services September 18, 2020

James Mattis	Congregation	September 13
Frieda Weicensang	Linda Mazur	September 15
Michael Liebgot	Howard Liebgot	September 16
Martha Wertlieb	Jessica Wertlieb	September 18
Jerry Engelberg	Congregation	September 19
Bernard Kess	Rhonda Kess	September 19

Shabbat Services September 25, 2020

Evelyn Lewis	Ira & Diane Goldstein	September 20
Lenny Canon	Howard Liebgot	September 23
Theodore Cline	Hannah Cline	September 23
Lester Klein	Cheryl Mundon	September 24
Miriam Pasternack	Peter Golper	September 25
Charlotte Krongold	Rhonda Kess	September 26

Shabbat Services October 2, 2020

Zina Lubow	Congregation	September 28
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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 2020 ELUL 5780/TISHREI 5781

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting on Zoom <i>(Meeting information posted on our website prior to the meeting)</i>	2 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	3	4 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	5
6	7 	8	9 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	10	11 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube 	12 7:30 PM Selichot Services 
13 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School (Opening Session)	14	15 <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	16 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	17	18 7:00 PM Rosh Hashana Evening Services on YouTube 	19 10:00 AM Rosh Hashana Services on YouTube 
20 No Religious School - Second Day of Rosh Hashana	21	22	23 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	24	25 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	26
27 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School 8:00 PM Yom Kippur Evening Service (Kol Nidre) on YouTube 	28 10:00 AM Yom Kippur Service on YouTube 2:30 PM Yizkor/Afternoon Service on YouTube 	29	30			

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



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™ 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:
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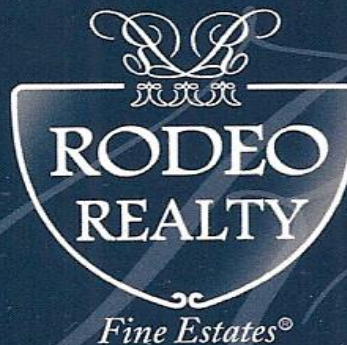
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