

November 2020



# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

*"The Temple With A Heart"*

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### **"Not by might, not by power but by My (G-D's) spirit" (Zachariah 4:6)**



This month American Jews will be celebrating two holidays, one as Jews and one as Americans. On November 26, we all will remember the Puritans and their establishment of the colony at Plymouth. Most of us know them as the Pilgrims because what their voyage to America meant to them. They fled England and its religious civil war so they could worship as they pleased. They went to the Netherlands for its freedom of worship as did our people 100 years before, fleeing the Spanish Inquisition. And as our people discovered acceptance there by the Dutch, the Puritans found the Netherlands too open and free. So they travelled to the New World and settled in the colonies. That is where the similarities end. Our people were met with governmental anti-Semitism, while the Puritans were the government of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Our people wanted to be accepted by Peter Stuyvesant, the governor of New Amsterdam (later New York) including our different form of worship especially the Sabbath, and we agreed to participate fully in the Dutch life. The Puritans made it abundantly clear that anyone differing from how they worshipped,

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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/>

### **Adult Education Returns!**

#### **AMERICAN LAW AND JEWISH LAW**

*THE SAME, ONLY DIFFERENT*

Session 1: November 10, 2020 - 7:00 PM

#### **Introduction- Roots of Jewish Law and American Law**

Sessions via Zoom, meeting information will be on our website.  
(See Page 10 for Series Information)



**Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 AM, will be the time to turn your clocks back one hour. Don't forget to "Fall Back!"**





# TEMPLE BETH EMET (HOUSE OF TRUTH) ORGANIZATION

## Religious Leadership

Rabbi Mark H. Sobel  
Music and Choir Director,  
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

## 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*

Call the Temple office at (818) 843-4787 to  
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including no dancing and requiring grey clothing was expelled or in some cases executed for witchcraft, the colony became famous for the Salem Witch trials, where the crime of dancing to one's own choice in music, left you open for ridicule and possibly death.

How can we celebrate these people's abuses of power? How can we be joyful? By doing and creating a community based upon acceptance and love of uniqueness. The Puritans were not the only ones in American history who fought for freedom but then when it was achieved denied others the same freedom. Immigrant groups throughout our history have been the victims of prejudice and bigotry but when they move to the upper parts of town, instead of helping the less fortunate, treat the newcomers as if they had no rights. German Jews called Eastern European Jews, "Green Horns" even knowing what Jews with Horns has meant to fellow Jews. I wrote a Facebook entry, while light in words was serious in meaning, It said, "I don't know how any Jew can be anti-African knowing that our greatest Prophet was born there (Unless they have moved Egypt, it has always been in Africa)" I am serious, how can we be anti-anyone when we have suffered for so long at the hands of governments who treated us as subhuman or, at most, second class. We now have the power America has given us as equal citizens. We must do our best so that all fellow Americans have an equal share in America! Please don't let our 366-year Love Affair with America turn into our using that romance to hurt others. We all deserve a piece of the American Apple Pie. Let us always share! For all our lives have been baked in the ovens of oppression, discrimination and baseless hatred. Let us enable everyone to taste the sweetness of Freedom!

The other day, a Facebook post caught my eye. It said, "How could American Jews remain loyal to the modern Democratic Party after its attacks on Israel and the Jewish People?"

So, as a Jewish teacher of American History, I just finished teaching a High School Student, remotely, in China, and in Honor of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Passing of the UN Partition Plan, I made up a chart.

I hope this sets the record straight. In the words of Sgt. Joe Friday, (it has) Just the Facts:

Let us look at how Presidents of the United States have dealt with Israel

- Truman, US 1<sup>st</sup> to Recognize Israel 1948
- Eisenhower-Threatened War with Israel over Gaza Strip 1956

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - November 2020

The "holiday season" is fast upon us and we all know this year is going to be a lot different than previous years. After the pandemic hit, it was easy to compare how different holidays and celebrations were. For Passover, Memorial Day, graduations, Independence Day, the High Holidays, we seemed to get stuck on what we were missing.



Experts tell us our lives will not return to "normal" for perhaps another year, and "normal" may not be exactly as it was. So we have a choice -- either we obsess on what have lost or we revel in what we still have and what we can create.

People are resilient and creative. Faced with challenges, we seek solutions. Faced with limitations, we seek to utilize our resources to their fullest. When the Los Angeles Philharmonic cancelled the Hollywood Bowl summer season, it created a series of programs on the local PBS station. Macy's created a televised Fourth of July program with music and fireworks, and is producing a version of its Thanksgiving parade. Even the Tournament of Roses will be airing a program New Year's Day consisting of live-to-tape music and marching bands, clips from past parades, and celebrity appearances.

At Temple, we are doing weekly Shabbat services and did High Holiday services over the internet. Religious school continues and this month we start our Adult Education series, both on Zoom.

Families are modifying old traditions and creating new ones to celebrate holidays and life events. Last week Diane and I logged on to Zoom and "attended" the wedding of one of her friends, a former student with guests not only across the country, but across several continents. The couple wed in Pennsylvania, the officiant was in Great Britain! Obviously, there was not any cake (or open bar) but many of the guests would never have been able to be "present" at a more traditional ceremony.

How are you approaching the holidays this year? Diane and I took candy in a jack-o'-lantern bucket to our son Jon and his girlfriend Sofia, and we decorated the house for Halloween as usual, but did not hand out treats. For Thanksgiving, cooking will be done ahead of time and we will be delivering to Jon and Sofia. (I wonder if we get a tip or a good review!) Like most people, we are not sure what will happen for the December holidays, but we will have family celebrations, even if we are not in the same house.

One day we will look back at this episode in our lives and I hope we laugh at what we had to endure and marvel at how we kept joy, happiness, and love strong.

Please make sure to vote if you have not already done so. Stay safe and stay well. May we be grateful for what we have and what we can do. Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



## Yahrzeit Donations

Bernard Cohen - remembered by Robert & LaVerne Cohen

John Manocchia - remembered by Mary Manocchia

Dad, Zeke Manners - remembered by Susie Manners

Joyce Feinsilber - remembered by Stacy & John Rivera

Miriam Pasternack remembered by Peter Golper



**KEEP CONNECTED!**

## ***Watching Services on YouTube? Enhance your experience!***

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



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*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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- Kennedy Sold Israel Hawk Missiles for Defense 1962
- Johnson - Began wholesale arms sale to Israel after France backed out 1968
- Nixon-Told Israel Hold off until after Egyptian Invasion
- then sent Weapons 1973
- Carter-Brokered Israel-Egyptian Peace Treaty 1979
- Signed Executive order instructing all US Embassies in Europe to grant Visitor Visas to all Iranian Jews who arrived there when fleeing the Iranian Revolution
- Reagan- Used Israel as middle man in Iran-Contra 1981. Imprisoned Jonathan Pollard with the harshest penalty for spying on record 1987
- Bush-Told Israel Stand Down in face of Iraqi Missile Attacks-Sent Patriot Missiles 1991
- Clinton-Brokered Oslo Accords 1993
- Brokered Israel Jordan Peace Treaty 1994
- Trump-Moved US Embassy to Jerusalem, replacing Consulate, placating Christian Evangelicals (His own Words)
- Brokered Israel-UAE Peace Treaty 2020
- Brokered Abrahamic Accords

Everyone, my aim is to educate not pontificate! Please VOTE !

B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark





Hello Religious School Families,

School has been progressing over Zoom, with a Simcha Torah celebration, Hebrew and cultural studies continuing. Ms. Robyn leads the kids in song and music. The kids enjoy socializing with each other as well as their teachers. Pets still make cameo appearances on camera with students.



October also brings with it the secular celebration of Halloween. In our neighborhood, folks continue to decorate and plan for parties over Zoom. Our neighbor with the fanciest decorations has an accompanying sign, "Sorry No Treats." Our neighborhood tradition of "booing," however, has continued. For the past couple years, we have gotten an anonymous knock or ring at the door. One of the kids opens the front door to discover a bag of Halloween goodies with a card announcing, "You've been booed!" Along with tradition, we've taped a "we've been booed" sign to our door, and plotted together which neighbor we would boo and with what. It's a fun tradition. This year, in addition to candy corns and fake teeth, our neighborhood booper included 2 pairs of warm, Halloween-themed socks. This week, it was cold enough to warrant the socks!

Another important, secular event is fast approaching: the November 3rd election. If you have not voted already, remember that your vote is important, and vote!

Rabbi Lithwick, writing on the website ReformJudaism.org, reminds us that the Prophet Jeremiah instructed us to actively engage with the communities we live in. He taught the Jewish people in Babylonia: "seek the welfare of the city to which I have exiled you and pray to God in its behalf; for in its prosperity you shall prosper" (Jeremiah 29: 4-7). Rabbi Lithwick goes on to discuss how other stories from the Talmud and Mishnah support civic engagement. The whole article, "What's so Jewish about Voting," is a good read if you are looking for some Jewish inspiration on ballot casting:

<https://reformjudaism.org/whats-so-jewish-about-voting>

My favorite anecdote that Lithwick retells is a modern one: the Chazon Ish was a Russian-born Orthodox rabbi who spent his later years in Palestine/Israel, 1878-1953). A man came to him, complaining he could not vote because he had not yet paid off his taxes. The Chazon Ish told him: "You should sell your tefillin and pay the taxes... tefillin, you can borrow from another, but the right to vote you cannot get from someone else." Lithwick credits Rabbi David Russo for sharing this story.

I hope you and your families are able to stay well and safe!



## TEMPLE BETH EMET - BOOK CLUB



**Temple Beth Emet Book Club**  
Conducted by Fran Bourne-Johnson

***Book Club remains on hiatus.***

**KEEP  
READING!**



**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**

We're still on hiatus. Have a happy Thanksgiving Please stay safe Can't wait to all see everyone when it is safe.

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

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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)

**TEMPLE BETH EMET**  
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**AMERICAN LAW AND JEWISH LAW**  
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November 10, 2020

**Introduction- Roots of Jewish Law and American Law**

December 8, 2020

**Women's Rights-Marriage, Monogamy, Polygamy**

January 12, 2021

**Criminal Law- Witness, evidence, due process**

February 9, 2021

**Capital Punishment The Death Penalty or "An Eye For An Eye"**

March 9, 2021

**Labor and Management Law "Thou Shalt not keep a Worker's wages past Midnight"**

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



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## November Birthdays

Gavin Epstein	November 3
Bert Goldberg	November 3
Yoní Fogelman	November 6
Emily Jayne Mintz-Kreyns	November 6
Shirley Abramson	November 11
Maxwell Wolloff	November 21
John Brody	November 24
Samantha Brody	November 25
Jennifer Franklin	November 27
Greg Dorfman	November 30

Happy Birthday Warren Potter!  
A donation to the Temple has been made in honor of  
celebrating your birthday (October 14)  
—Best Wishes, Diane Sanders (his Mother-in-law)

## November Anniversaries

Dan & Mary Gura	November 10
Joel & Sarah Lava	November 11



## NOVEMBER Yahrzeits

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

### Shabbat Services November 2, 2020

Vivian Liberson	The Liberson Family	November 1
Lenora Carpe	Congregation	November 1
William Feinsilber	Joyce Feinsilber	November 1
Jewelle Bowen	Barbara Klivens	November 1
Sarah Schiffman	Ilysha Buss	November 2
Bess Jacob	Pyllis Shear	November 2

### Shabbat Services November 16, 2020

Leah Factor	Congregation	November 11
Anton Fulop	Joyce Feinsilber	November 13
Meir Zollman	David & Leona Zollman	November 14
Gloria Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	November 14
Stephen Abrams	Iris Abrams	November 14
Robert Margolin	Neil Margolin	November 15
Lester Vourn	Barbara Bolter	November 16

### Shabbat Services November 9, 2020

Penny Buss	Neal Friedman	November 4
Fanny Schuster	Linda Mazur	November 5
Helen Margolin	Neil Margolin	November 6
Luis Guzman	Lila Tepper	November 7

### Shabbat Services November 23, 2020

Alison Glass	Anthony Glass	November 18
David Nudell	Mayer Nudell	November 19
Albert James Hanlin	Neil Margolin	November 21
Joan Feinsilber	Joyce Feinsilber	November 22
Jack Bolter	Shirley Abramson	November 23

### Shabbat Services November 30, 2020

Celia Rothman	Sara Faden	November 7
Mary Cohen	Charley Cohen	November 7
Norman Goodman	Congregation	November 7
Hannah Davis	Marcia Jackman	November 8
Edward Bernstein	Fran Bernstein	November 8
Lillian Swedlove	Herbert Murez	November 9
Sam Miller	Marlene Dreyfuss	November 9
Helen Meyerfeld	The Congregation	November 9
Moussa Hakakha	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	November 9
Frances Rose	Eileen Martin	November 9
Frances Rose	Marlene Dreyfuss	November 9
Leroy Stacel	Congregation	November 10
George Gross	Congregation	November 10

Robert Margolin	Neil Margolin	November 25
David Antelman	Judith Antelman	November 26
Dr. Edwin Butler	M/M Neil Margolin	November 27
Sara Guttentog	Rabbi Mark Sobel	November 27
Anita Crane	Rhonda Smith	November 28
Grace Fulop	Joyce Feinsilber	November 29
Elizabeth Sopasnik	Marlene Flowers	November 29
Elizabeth Sopasnik	Judith Antelman	November 29
Shirley Trott	Dianne Bender	November 29
Lewis Pappert	Marilyn Pappert	November 29
Mildred Marcus	Ellie Somerfield	November 30
Harry Robins	Judy Robins	November 30



# NOVEMBER 2020 HESHVAN/KISLEV 5781

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School  Daylight Savings Time Ends	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  (Meeting information posted on our website prior to the meeting)	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting on Zoom (Special Date)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM - American Law and Jewish Law - Session 1	<b>11</b> 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	<b>21</b>
<b>Chai Times            Submissions Due</b>						
<b>22</b> 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	<b>26</b>  THANKSGIVING	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> No Religious School Thanksgiving Holiday	<b>30</b>					

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



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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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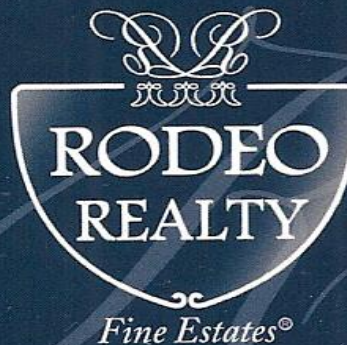




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