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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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"This is Dedicated to the Ones I love" (Title of a song by The Shirelles)

In a few days we will celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. It also has another name, the Time of Rededication. The root for rededication is the same as for Education. The rabbis felt education needed rededication to be successful. I agree, so I would like to single out some people for their dedication to our school. They are, of course, our teachers. During this great Pandemic, Robyn, Shirley, Laura, Miranda, Hayley Sasha, Olivia, David, Joshua, have been there on screen for our children. Victoria has been there from the parking lot to the foyer to the classrooms making sure our varied activities went as smoothly as possible. Furthermore the members of our choir helped put together one of the greatest High Holiday services I have ever seen. I watched, I really did.

Our thanks to the Board for its support in whatever we have proposed from handing out textbooks, to hiring substitutes, to helping us buy materials, to being present at Temple Based activities.,

Hanukkah says rededication so how do we

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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

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Session 2: December 8, 2020 - 7:00 PM

Women's Rights-Marriage, Monogamy, Polygamy

Sessions via Zoom, meeting information will be on our website.

(See Page 10 for Series Information)

HANUKKAH CANDLE LIGHTING

Thursday, December 10 at 6:00 PM

In front of Temple - Masks required!

Social distancing will apply.



TEMPLE BETH EMET (HOUSE OF TRUTH) ORGANIZATION

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Robyn Kreisberg

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*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

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*New Year's Day, President's Day,
First day of Pesach, Memorial Day,
Independence Day, Rosh Hashanah,
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rededicate ourselves to the tasks laid out by the Maccabees, a renewal of our Judaism?

Of course our continuing support of the Temple is a prerequisite, both financially and spiritually. As the Maccabees led the struggle to show the world who we were as proud Jews, we must continue to live up to what Judaism demands of us!

As I don't like vague generalities, I would like share some ideas I have for the eight nights of Hanukkah. The Talmud commands us and our children to do nothing but think of what the miracle of Hanukkah means.

So let us dedicate ourselves to family, community, Temple and, of course, self.

First night, we dedicate ourselves to light. We be honest with each other and clear away the dark feelings of anger and sadness that shelter in the darkness. Clean up by saying, "I am sorry for how I have hurt you." While the candles burn the air around the menorah, use your true feelings to burn away the scars shell that have allowed anger to fester.

On the Second night of Hanukkah, remember with love those we have lost. Not with sadness but with the warmth of love that they gave us, As we recite the prayer's words, "The miracles that you did for our ancestors in those days at this time of the year", Bring to mind or perhaps recite or write a short story telling their love for you.

The Third Night, be thinking of the great three in Judaism, the land, the sea and the air and commit to a concrete action that preserves the earth, the oceans or the environment. Plant a bush at Temple.

The Fourth night of Hanukkah, let us make a plan to join when we are allowed and clean out and repair the Temple. If it was good enough for the Maccabean Warriors, it is good enough for the Temple Beth Emet troops.

The Fifth Night of Hanukkah, let us play Dreidel for real money and use the winnings as a Tzedakah Contribution for the Temple, Not only to pay for the repairs but to improve Temple Beth Emet.

On the Sixth night of Hanukkah Zoom your Hanukkah with others. Dedicate yourself to being inclusive. We have Temple members who are alone and the Pandemic has made

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE December 2020

We were watching the *Late Show with Stephen Colbert* the other night. His guest was Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, a Georgetown sociology professor, author, preacher, and radio host. Dr. Dyson was featuring his new book, *Long Time Coming: Reckoning with Race in America*. Toward the end of the interview, Dr. Dyson quoted the late civil rights leader Howard Thurman to the effect that we have a choice to either be a “prisoner of the event” or a “prisoner of hope.”



The phrase “prisoner of hope” is found in Zechariah 9:12: “Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.” So the choice is to either become stuck in a bad situation or have the hope and confidence to move forward, trusting our efforts will be rewarded with progress.

It got me thinking about our lives right now during this pandemic. We can bemoan our situation, obsessing over the fact that our lives are burdened with restrictions, health threats, and financial burdens, or we can hold fast to the belief that if we do what we need to do, go through the hardships we face now, things will get better.

Right now, events seem bleak -- the virus seems out of control, overwhelming the ability of our health care system to deal with increasing cases and hospitalizations. The count of fatalities and the pace of its increase is horrifying. But we have good reason to allow ourselves to be “prisoners of hope.” It looks as though the next several weeks will see the first use of the new vaccines that promise to bring COVID-19 to heel. Next month we will have a new presidential administration that has promised to combat the pandemic with a science-based factual approach. We are seeing the beginning of the end of the pandemic.

Consider the story of Hanukkah, which we celebrate this month. A Hellenistic power ruled Israel. Its powerful King outlawed the practice of Judaism and defiled the Temple. It would have been quite understandable if our people became prisoners of the circumstances around them and abandoned their faith. In fact, many did. But others not only held on to hope, they became “prisoners” of that hope, unable to escape it. That hope enabled and empowered a group of them, the Maccabees, to overthrow their oppressors, reclaim and rededicate the Temple.

Several months ago, after we had to cease in-person services and school, I began to imagine this crisis would have eased by now. I envisioned a big Hanukkah celebration at Temple, where we would gather together to sing praises and to rededicate our Temple. Well, it looks like that celebration will have to wait a bit longer, but it will happen.

In the meantime, embrace Hanukkah this month. Help us light the hanukkiyah at Temple

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Yahrzeit Donations

My Grandmother, Hannah Davis remembered by Marcia Jackman

Lillian Swedlove remembered by Herbert Murez

Ruth Fishman remembered by Scott & Elaine Fishman

Sam Miller remembered by Marlene Dreyfuss

Joyce Feinsilber, Jeff Gordon, and Esther Corralejo
remembered by Stacy & John Rivera



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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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the loneliness worse. By making them part of your celebration you dedicate yourself to physically and spiritually increasing the Jewish People's celebration by spending time together. Coordinate the sending of Jelly doughnuts to each other so you can compare the flavor, style and enjoyment. You have just added smellivision to Television..

The Seventh night of Hanukkah, borrow an idea from Passover our fellow Freedom festival. Ask how is this Hanukkah different from other Hanukkahs? How has our life changed and what new creation is my life in 5781(2020)?

The Eighth night of Hanukkah, as you gaze upon the Hanukkiah, make a list of all the activities you want to do when the Pandemic is over and we can be together again. Don't be narrow in your thoughts. This is the Holiday of Miracles so DREAM, DREAM, DREAM !

Happy Hanukkah!!!!!!

B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark

A LITTLE MITZVAH - Barbara Flasher

When we assist others from our hearts, safely and with common sense, we are enriching our lives and the lives of others in an enchanting way.

A little mitzvah will bring about this beautiful feeling.

Here are some simple examples of this:

- ◆ Safely hand out water on a hot day to someone in need.
- ◆ If you have food delivered to your home, take a portion and give the rest to a neighbor, perhaps an elderly person, someone out of work, depressed, or a family with children.
- ◆ When cooking, make extra to share.
- ◆ Give clothes in good shape that you don't wear away to someone who can use them.
- ◆ If you have an Auto Club card with tow calls available, before it expires, help a stranded motorist, maybe someone with children. Remember -- always be safe!

Share generously.

Help others without card by driving them to important destinations.

Kindness brings purpose and joy!



Hello Temple Family:

During this past month, students continued on-line learning, covering Hebrew, Jewish history, culture and music. For many children, Zooms like these are an opportunity to connect with friends and teachers. During their Religious School Zoo, they can feel accepted and socialize with friends while learning about their heritage. Though the method of schooling, learning over the Zoom platform, is new, the songs, prayers, Torah lessons, teachers and other students are familiar and comforting in their familiarity.

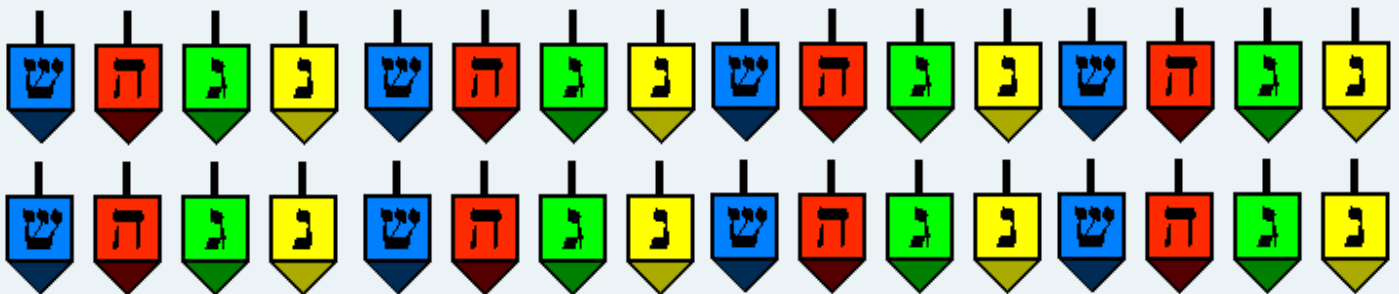


I hope everyone had a restful Thanksgiving, and you were able to take time out from your usual schedules and stresses to reflect on what you are thankful for. Sometimes we need to "unplug" from our devices, the constant news and distractions from the world at large, and just focus on the people immediately around us: family, neighbors, a postal worker or delivery person at our door. Even though the pandemic has slowed us down and made us relatively housebound, our minds are often elsewhere: on our jobs or on finding a job, on the state of the nation or the world, on the spread of the virus. Of course, it is important to stay engaged with these: we are members of several communities that need us. However, we also need to pause for rest and reflection, in order to be effective when we are engaged. Holidays like Thanksgiving allow us to do this, to find balance.

Rabbi is already planning for Hanukkah. It will be here quickly!

I hope you and your families are able to stay well during this time. For Temple friends who have lost loved ones, know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Cherie



Wishing our entire Temple Beth Emet Family a Very Happy Hanukkah!



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

Although we can't meet or plan events during these times, all our members are always in our hearts and prayers. Please wear your mask, socially distance and STAY HOME as much as possible. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

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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on December 10. Celebrate the story of the triumph of the “prisoners of hope” who refused to give in to the events that confronted them. Celebrate the light that pierces the darkness.

“At this time of year, when the sun is most hidden, the holiday of Hanukkah celebrates the rays of hope and light. Often, it is through simple and unrecognized miracles that we are able to feel the warmth of hope and light.”

—Rafael Goldstein

Happy Hanukkah and may 2021 be a year of hopes realized.

-- 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)



December Birthdays

Teagon Barton	December 1
Dan Werner	December 3
Nicole Wolfson	December 5
Alan Cohen	December 7
Susie Berman	December 9
Chloe Solomons	December 11
Rhonda Kess	December 15
Sarah Pacifici	December 16
Rachel Razankova	December 16
Ira Goldstein	December 18
Max Weisman	December 18
Robert Bigley	December 21
Iris Abrams	December 22
Diane Lewis-Goldstein	December 22
Joshua Vaysman	December 24
Rowan Epstein	December 26
Vivian May	December 28
Roni Razankova	December 29
Lauren DeVillier	December 30
Zoey Berman	December 31

December Anniversaries

Bonnie & Stuart Friedman	December 8
Marc & Cindy Becker	December 19
David & Leona Zollman	December 20

TEMPLE BETH EMET
ADULT EDUCATION SERIES 2020-2021

Presented by RABBI MARK H. SOBEL

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November 10, 2020

Introduction- Roots of Jewish Law and American Law

December 8, 2020

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January 12, 2021

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February 9, 2021



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DECEMBER Yahrzeits

NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:	NAME:	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:
Shabbat Services December 4, 2020			Shabbat Services December 18, 2020		
Alan Matays	Gail Arce	December 1	Milton Sobel	Rabbi Mark Sobel	December 13
Harriet Modler	Peter Modler	December 1	Szerena Weber	Bea Satmary	December 14
Barbara Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	December 1	Louis Kanefsky	Marsha Cohen	December 15
Leslie Fields	Soni Fields	December 3	Joyce Nathan	Leslie Nathan & Michael Heiss	December 15
Judith Kravetz	Iris Abrams	December 4	Nathan M. Miller	Sara M. McCune	December 15
Peter Monico	Rabbi Mark Sobel	December 5	Joseph Steinmetz	Susan Levin	December 15
Fanny Sillman	Lois Jones	December 6	Shari Altman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	December 17
Leo Peckman	Congregation	December 6	Ray Beck	Scott & Camille Beck	December 18
Norm Goodman	Congregation	December 7	Solomon Murez	Herbert Murez	December 18
			Fred Friedman	Stuart Friedman	December 19
Shabbat Services December 11, 2020			Shabbat Services December 25, 2020		
Annie Swedlove	Herbert Murez	December 8	Edith Russell	M/M Gerald Becker	December 20
Ida Polakoff	Fran Bernstein	December 8	Samuel J. Teller	Elaine Rubidoux	December 21
Golda Meir	Congregation	December 8	Anne Abramson	Shirley Abramson	December 24
Goldie Gelbart	Diane Linger	December 9	Sybil Factor	Congregation	December 25
Harold Greene	Suzanne Marks	December 9	Albert Lassoff	Marva Felchlin	December 26
Sylvia Rabin	Congregation	December 10			
Marty Feldman	Pamela Franklin	December 10			
Josie Rowe	Allan Rowe	December 10	Shabbat Services January 1, 2021		
Sam Marcus	Ellie Somerfield	December 11	Raja Tepper	Henry Tepper	December 27
Sharon Shuman	Barri Bucknam	December 11	Sadie Weitzman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	December 27
			Donald A. Zahler	Congregation	December 27

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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/>

DECEMBER 2020 KISLEV/TEVET 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	3	4 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	5
6 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School	7	8 7:00 PM Adult Education on Zoom American Law and Jewish Law - Session 2	9 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	10  Erev Hanukkah	11 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	12
13 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School 	14 	15 	16 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom  <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	17 	18 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	19
20 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School	21 	22	23 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	24	25 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	26
27 No Religious School - Winer Break	28	29	30	31 		

Due to the current Covid-19 emergency, all on-campus events 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!

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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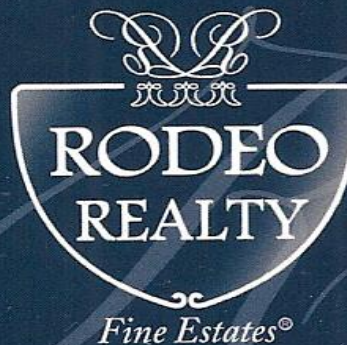
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