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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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TuB'Shvat Hegiah, Hag Hallanot (TuB'shvat has Arrived the holiday of Trees)

The end of this month will be the Holiday of TuB'shvat, the New Year of the trees, one of the most beloved stories of TuB'shvat is of an elderly man planting a tree. A young man comes by and says, "Why are you bothering to plant a tree you will probably never see its fruit". The older man replied, "I am not planting it for me, I am planting it for my grandchildren to have nourishment."

The idea is that what seeds are planted will someday grow into fruit that will give future generations food.

Unfortunately, lately there have been words, comments, tirades which have planted the seeds of disbelief in our election process. We have seen evidence that these seeds have already begun to bear fruit. It is our job to spray the insecticide of truth upon these branches of 'discontent, anger and irresponsibility.

On the other hand, by the end of the month we will have a new administration which seems to be more transparent. There we will need to spray the liquid of encouragement, truth and honesty upon the seeds that this new group has been trying to implant in the soul of America.

In the meantime we will need to handle the Covid-19 Virus and take care of our families, Temple and personal, our friends and ourselves, by planting the seeds of community, caring and



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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 Continues!

AMERICAN LAW AND JEWISH LAW

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Session 3: January 12, 2020 - 7:00 PM
Criminal Law- Witness, evidence, due process

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

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

January 5, 2021 - 7:00 PM

via Zoom, meeting information will be on our website.



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.

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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*

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Your message will be forwarded to the
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on how we can better serve our
members, please call the office or
email us at:

office@Templebethemet.com



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being vigilant for each other.

The reason that the New Year of the Trees is in the winter is because it reaffirms our belief that the Spring will bring the warmth of a new life.

A way to bring early warmth to dispel the sadness, anxiety and fear that is still with us is to never lose our sense of humor. There is one caveat (condition), the humor can't be negative or aimed at another, besides there have been enough funny things going since last March.

In fact, I remember one of our first Zoom Religious School sessions. I had the students in front of me on my computer monitor and the boxes that were them were next to each other. One of the students lost their place in the prayer we were doing. So, without thinking I told the student whose picture was immediate next to the other student to show where we were. The second student replied, "Rabbi we're in separate houses"! I had forgotten!

One kindergartner was found by her mother to have turned off her computer while the teacher was still teaching. Her mother said, "Why did you turn off your computer and go and take a shower?" the kindergartner replied, Mom, it is almost Shabbat and I have to take a shower! Besides the Teacher is reading us a 22-page story. She'll never know I left".

(To the best of my knowledge, no more leaving the computer and no more 22 page stories in kindergarten)

From other sources to help pass the time:

An Angeleno lamented, "I ran out of toilet paper and had to start using old newspapers. The LA Times are rough."

Soon we will be able to invite up to 10 people with no problems. Where will we find ten Jews without problems?

It has been especially hard on parents, these are for you:

Whose idea was it to sing "Happy Birthday" while washing your hands? Now every time I go to the bathroom, my kids expect me to walk out with a cake.

I'm not talking to myself, I'm having a parent-teacher conference.

Finally, please remember Parents, Insanity is hereditary, you get it from your children!

I hope these irreverent thoughts have given you a laugh in all this sadness. Along with Masks, social distances, and vaccines laughter is one of the best of medicines.

If you have anecdotes or jokes to share, please send them to the Temple. Maybe if we get enough we can share them in next month's Chai Times.

B'ahava and be safe and be healthy,

Rabbi Mark



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - January 2021

I don't remember a year that was so universally cast off with such vigor as 2020. Comic strips carried the theme "good riddance, 2020." Facebook memes heralded the close of the year. Articles were written celebrating the coming of 2021. Let's face it, 2020 was not the best year for most of us.



Diane and I have been spared the worst that 2020 had to offer. We have been healthy, we never really ran short on toilet paper, our son Jon closed his stores during the first round of shut-down, but was able to sell the stores and get out from under the expenses of a restricted business environment. Diane and I have had each other for companionship, and Jon has Sofia, so we don't worry too much about their welfare (but we have dropped off some extra groceries and an occasional check because hey, we're parents!) Diane was on sabbatical during the fall semester and will be holding classes via Zoom this Spring, so we don't have the concern of workplace exposure. We count our blessings.

Our Temple has carried on and managed to maintain Shabbat and High Holiday services, Religious School, Adult Education, even a Shofar sounding and Hanukkah candle lighting. We maintained our participation with Family Promise, which itself managed to continue its work by collecting gift cards instead of hosting families physically. I even opened up a Venmo account to contribute in lieu of my usual tray of mac and cheese. With all its hardships and challenges, my family got through 2020, Temple Beth Emet got through 2020, and you got through 2020. Good for all of us!

Every new year begins with new opportunities. Most of the time we are not sure what will come, but in 2021 we do have a few opportunities we can readily identify. Although it is off to a slower start than hoped, there are now two vaccines rolling out. We anticipate that this terrible pandemic will start to ease, then recede, and eventually fade. We look forward in the coming year little by little to start easing the restrictions on our lives. Some of the changes to the way we live and work will likely evolve into new norms, including more people working from home. We will rely more on technology for information, communication, and education. But little by little we will return to shopping in stores and sending our children to physical schools. Eventually concerts, sporting events, theater, dining in restaurants all will return. Not right away, but eventually. We will even fill our synagogue at the High Holidays again. Maybe this year, but I actually think it will be the next.

Our world at New Year 2022 will surely not be just like it was at New Year 2020. We should not expect that. But it will be a whole lot more like it was and I look forward to seeing that begin to come true. For now, let's keep doing what we are doing. Keep washing hands, wearing masks when out, maintaining distance from others, monitoring

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Yahrzeit Donations

Edith Russell, remembered by Gerald & Estelle Becker

Albert Lassoff, remembered by Marva & Peter Felchlin

Annie Swedlove & Solomon Murez, remembered by Herbert Murez



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.*



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!



Hello Temple Family,

Our Religious School has been continuing over Zoom. We recently celebrated Hanukkah. Rabbi and several gracious Temple volunteers put together Hanukkah gift bags for the children and their families, and Rabbi organized a "drive-through" for families to pick up their gift bags and drop off donations for the Children's Hospital.



Some members took time to light candles in the hanukia set up on a table outdoors, in front of the Temple entrance facing Buena Vista. During the first night of Hanukkah, passers by on Buena Vista were able to enjoy those lights!

Thank you to the Temple members, families and students who volunteered their time to make this event a success for our students and for our community.

Right now, Religious School students are enjoying their winter break. Classes will resume over Zoom on Sunday, January 10th.

Wishing everyone a healthy winter holiday break and a happy, healthy and better New Year!

Cherie



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.

NAME _____

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our health, and keeping our faith in God and each other. We went through so much pain and hardship in 2020! We have so much hope and so much to look forward to in 2021 and beyond.

A very Happy New Year 2021 to you all.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President

Petitioner - /
V.
TERRY ROYAL, Warden,
State Penitentiary,

Respondent - Appellee.

TEMPLE BETH EMET ADULT EDUCATION SERIES 2020-2021

Presented by RABBI MARK H. SOBEL

AMERICAN LAW AND JEWISH LAW THE SAME, ONLY DIFFERENT

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.



January Birthdays

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Frank Watnick | January 3 |
| Ethan Wertlieb | January 7 |
| Brooklyn Bigley | January 14 |
| Steve Gordon | January 20 |
| Elyse Sokol | January 22 |
| Michael Amir | January 23 |
| Vicki Margolin | January 24 |
| Rebecca Tanner | January 24 |

January Anniversaries

We know of no anniversaries this month!

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)



JANUARY Yahrzeits

| NAME | REMEMBERED BY: | DATE | NAME | REMEMBERED BY: | DATE |
|--|------------------|------------|--|----------------------------|------------|
| Shabbat Services January 1, 2021 | | | Shabbat Services January 22, 2021 (Continued) | | |
| Elmer Jacob | Phyllis Shear | January 1 | Toni Mattis | Congregation | January 14 |
| William Naythons | David Naythons | January 1 | Shirley Wolf | Congregation | January 14 |
| Stella Shear | Phyllis Shear | January 1 | Maurice Rosenthal | Gail Arce | January 15 |
| Sol(Sheik)Rosenthal | Gail Arce | January 2 | Naoma Goodman | Congregation | January 15 |
| Morris Yaras | Fran Bernstein | January 2 | Morris Bolter | Barbara Bolter | January 16 |
| Shabbat Services January 8, 2021 | | | Michael Liebgot | Howard Liebgot | January 16 |
| Joan Kramer | Congregation | January 3 | Toni Mattis | Congregation | January 14 |
| George Davis | Phil Davis | January 5 | Shirley Wolf | Congregation | January 14 |
| Mayer Nudell | Congregation | January 9 | Maurice Rosenthal | Gail Arce | January 15 |
| Tillie Friedman | Stuart Friedman | January 9 | Naoma Goodman | Congregation | January 15 |
| Shabbat Services January 15, 2021 | | | Morris Bolter | Barbara Bolter | January 16 |
| Nathaniel Millman | Congregation | January 10 | Michael Liebgot | Howard Liebgot | January 16 |
| Ben Zober | Marlene Lipman | January 12 | Shabbat Services January 22, 2021 | | |
| Edward Zimmer | Congregation | January 13 | Carmel Feinsilber | Barri Bucknam | January 20 |
| Rosalind Avrashow | Marlene Dreyfuss | January 13 | Susan Werner | Dan & Flora Mendoza-Werner | January 20 |
| Rosalind Avrashow | Eileen Martin | January 13 | Miriam Everakes | Jerry Everakes | January 21 |
| William Flohr | Nikki Larsen | January 13 | Shabbat Services January 29, 2021 | | |
| Tibor Radai | Judy Robins | January 14 | Blossom Tenney | Amy Belilove | January 24 |
| Freda Murez | Herbert Murez | January 14 | Anna Sobel | Rabbi Mark H. Sobel | January 24 |
| | | | Celia Kaufman | Barry Kaufman | January 24 |

The December Chai Times regrettably omitted the yahrzeit of **Jeffrey Brian Flasher**, December 9 and observed at Shabbat Services on December 11, 2020, remembered by Barbara Flasher.




CREATE A LASTING LEGACY

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/>

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|----------|
| | | | | | 1 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube | 2 |
| 3 Winter Recess No Religious School | 4 | 5 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting on Zoom (Meeting information posted on our website prior to the meeting) | 6 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom | 7 | 8 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube | 9 |
| 10 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School | 11 | 12 7:00 PM Adult Education on Zoom American Law and Jewish Law - Session 3 | 13 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom | 14 | 15 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div> | 16 |
| 17 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School | 18  Martin Luther King Jr. Day | 19 | 20 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom  | 21 | 22 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube | 23 |
| 24 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School 31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28  Tu B'shvat | 29 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube | 30 |

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:
818 843-4787**



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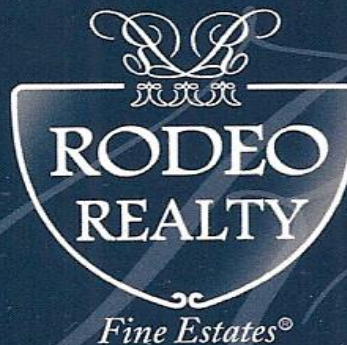
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