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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants—while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid.

(President George Washington to the Jews of Newport, R.I., 1790).

This month we have two holidays here in America, President's Day and Purim. I would like to use the Purim Commandments to recall major actions of some of our Presidents.

What are the commandments of Purim? To hear the Megillah of course, to wear masks, to get so drunk you cannot tell the difference between Haman and Mordechai to give portions to the poor and to blot out the name of Haman.

How could these commandments have anything to do with the office of the President of the United States?

The story of Purim, the Megillah, is about an evil Leader wanting to destroy our people and a brave queen and advisor rescuing us.

President Harry Truman, after the Holocaust sought to recognize Israel in May of 1948. His old friend and advisor Harry Jacobson pleaded with him and the president did so over the demands of his 'ministers' in the State Department. President Truman rescued what was left of our people in Europe from annihilation. Fourteen years later, another President, John Kennedy, over the advice of his State department experts sold Israel Hawk defensive missiles to protect the new state. In



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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/>

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

February 2, 2021 - 7:00 PM

via Zoom, meeting information will be on our website.

Adult Education Continues!

AMERICAN LAW AND JEWISH LAW

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Session 3: February 9, 2021
**Capital Punishment The Death Penalty
or "An Eye For An Eye"**

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

PURIM MEGILLAH READING

Saturday, February 27, 2021 - 7:00 PM
**Temple parking lot - masks required, social
distancing will be observed.**
Family Service Booklet available 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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Temple Beth Emet Office Hours

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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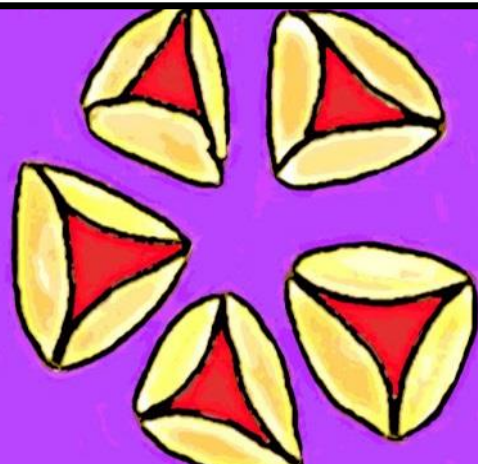
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on how we can better serve our
members, please call the office or
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1979, President Jimmy Carter told all the American Embassies in Europe to grant emergency Visitor visas to all Iranian Jews who got to their offices, thereby saving most of Persia's Jews from another 'Shushan' Annihilator', the Ayatollah (C)HOMEIN(I), rhymes with Haman, DOESN'T IT. .

In the arena of so drunk you don't know the Good guy from the Bad guy goes to Ulysses S. Grant, who as Union General expelled the first Jewish Chaplain in the US Army from the area of the Union Army. However, whether drunk or not, Abraham Lincoln knew the Good guys from the Bad guys and rescinded General Order 11.

As far as giving to the poor, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and John Quincy Adams all supported Mordechai Emanuel Noah's proposal for settling poor and needy Jews at Ararat in upstate New York

Which President has done the most to blot out the name of the Hamans who have threatened us? Although I am not in favor of President Johnson's expansion of the War in Vietnam, I do admire his War on Poverty. His efforts to aid those in need and the passage of civil rights legislation which led to our people's gain in pride, self-confidence and prestige cannot be overlooked. Before Johnson, Jews did not celebrate Hanukkah the way we do now. I believe the best way to blot out the name of Haman is to loudly call out the names, Mordechai, Esther, Judah Maccabee, Bar Kochba, and the other heroes of our history.

Helping American Jews to overcome anti-Semitism and potential death and harm, though, began 50 years before the Civil Rights movement .I would be remiss if I did not mention Woodrow Wilson and his nomination of Justice Louis Brandeis for the Supreme Court. It is 1916 and Anti-Semitism is running ripe in America. President Wilson's actions here, are very much in line with his 14 points of dignity and independence for all peoples. His powerful voice helped light the way for our people to become full partners in America.

Which President wore the greatest mask in our history? Richard Nixon, of course. Here was an avowed anti-Semite, listen to his tapes, but when it came time he gave Israel what it needed to preserve itself and our people. He was 'Tricky Dicky' and he used every trick in his Presidential book to help us, by masking his feelings. He even left behind the C-130 Hercules transport planes used at Entebbe in 1976. The face of an anti-Semite was covered by the mask of a lover of America. Or was it? Nixon resigned rather than cause violence in the streets. People should take note!

There is one other holiday is February that I truly love. Maybe it is because for one day the world does what we do every day three times, remember to love each other, physically, spiritually and uniquely. I LOVE the V'ahavta prayer!

Let me paraphrase a sentence from President John Kennedy's inaugural speech, "Ask not how your country can love you, ask how you can love your country"!

Please, Love our country, love each other and love yourself, UNIQUELY !

B'Ahavah (With Love) on Purim and on every day,

Rabbi Mark



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - February 2021

As many of you know, our office manager, Victoria Gaffney and her family are moving to Washington State at the end of the month. Victoria's husband, Michael, was offered a great retirement package, and so the day we knew was coming is coming sooner than we had thought. Victoria and Michael have purchased a home on a one-acre lot. Their eldest son had been accepted at Lewis and Clark State College in nearby Idaho, and their younger son, still in High School, is applying to the University of Idaho medical program.



While they are excited about this new chapter in their lives, and the Temple Beth Emet family is excited for them, it does mean that we will be saying farewell to each other and that is difficult. Not only have we come to depend on Victoria's administrative and organizational skills, she has also become part of our Temple family and we will miss her greatly.

Victoria's whole family has become personally invested in our Temple too. For example, a few years ago one of our neighbors was driving home, nodded off behind the wheel, and ran into the brick planter on one side of our driveway. The driver's insurance company paid for damage to another car that was hit, but that exhausted the coverage and our insurance had a deductible. Michael decided to tackle the repair with the assistance of one of their boys. The result was perfect, even though it was his first masonry project. He and his son then went up on the roof to hang the High Holiday banner!

True to her nature, Victoria won't be leaving us in the lurch. She is already seeking out potential successors and has promised to train our new person, even if some of it has to be done via Zoom. If need be, Victoria can also do some of the bookkeeping and billing remotely until the transition is complete.

Please keep in mind that due these changes, things in the office may not work smoothly for a while. We know you will be patient and understanding.

So we wish Victoria and her family Godspeed, and in the spirit of our traditional traveler's prayer, the Tefilat Haderech, may it be Your will, Lord, our God and the God of our ancestors, that You lead them toward peace, guide their footsteps toward peace, and make them reach their desired destination for life, gladness, and peace.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTIN, President



Yahrzeit Donations

Joseph Steinmetz remembered by James & Susan Levin

My Grandmother, Ida Polakoff remembered by Francine Bernstein

Daddy Morrie Yaras remembered by Francine Bernstein

Miriam Everakes remembered by Jerry Everakes

Elmer Jacob remembered by Phyllis Shear

Fanny Sillman remembered by Lois Jones

Annie Swedlove & Solomon Murez remembered by Herbert Murez

Freda Swedlove Murez remembered by Herbert Murez

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 Families!

Religious School has resumed over Zoom after the holiday break, and students are continuing with Torah, Hebrew, music and social studies. We certainly missed having an in-person Hanukkah celebration, but are hopeful that Hanukkah 2021 will look more like those of the past. As usual, Religious School meets at 9:30 am. Students are encouraged to attend with their cameras on so instructors and other students may see each other.



In Los Angeles County, health care workers and senior citizens over 65 are now able to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. In my own household, Ruth and Bob went to Dodger Stadium to receive theirs yesterday. They had signed up through a service run by the LA City Fire Department. Traffic was not bad, but Ruth told me she encountered a confusing "sea of cones" set up in the very large parking lot when she arrived. She drove slowly. There were tents set up at various checkpoints and personnel directing traffic. Ruth and Bob took lunch when they went, and had prepared to wait a long time. Their grandchildren baked them cookies to take along. When they received the vaccine shots, a health care worker administered the shots to them in their cars. They were able to remain in their car the entire time. Ruth reported that the wait was not as bad as they feared. They were in and out in under two hours.

LA County has a website tracking the number of vaccines given:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/vaccine/index.htm>

This site also shows who is able to sign up for vaccinations right now.

We've also heard from friends and family members employed at hospitals that they started receiving vaccines around the end of December and into January,

If you work in health care, or you are a resident or staff member in a nursing facility or a long-term care facility, or you live in LA County and you are 65 and older, please sign up for an appointment!

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.

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HAPPY PRESIDENTS' DAY

Petitioner -
v.
TERRY ROYAL, Warden,
State Penitentiary,

Respondent - Appellee.
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Presented by RABBI MARK H. SOBEL

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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.

David A. Giampetroni, Kanji & Katzen, PLLC, Ann Arbor, Michigan (Kevin Dellinger, Attorney General, and Lindsay Dowell, Assistant Attorney General, Muscogee (Creek)



February Birthdays

Pat Bigley	February 1
Delilah Church	February 1
Elliot Whitecotten	February 3
Isabelle Hoffman	February 4
Arlene Dorfman	February 6
Benny Berman	February 11
Evan Robert Feldman	February 12
William Berman	February 14
Stuart Friedman	February 14
Aleesa F Aronoff	February 15
Eric Franklin	February 17
Marlene Bobrowsky	February 20
Aliyah White	February 20
Aiden Solomons	February 23
Barbara Bolter	February 25
Demetri Buss	February 25
Walter Polan	February 26
Camryn Bigley	February 27
Jet Duncan	February 27

February Anniversaries

We know of no anniversaries this month!



FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE
Shabbat Services February 5, 2021			Shabbat Services February 12, 2021 (Continued)		
Beatrice Miliman	Debbie Zelman	February 1	Mary Beth Naythons	David Naythons	February 13
Ilse Korant Schindlbe	Congregation	February 1	Jay Featherman	Francis Bourne-Johnson	February 14
Robert Sutton	Congregation	February 1	June Beck	Scott Beck	February 14
Philip Brown	Margery Brown	February 3	June Beck	Russell & Barbara Beck	February 14
Amelia Kapson	Bruce & Pat Bigley	February 3	Helen Louise Naythons	David Naythons	February 15
Stella Pollack	Congregation	February 4	Florence Katz	Linda M. Kiernan	February 18
Morris Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	February 5	Nathan H. Rose	Beverly Genereux	February 18
Freida Slavin	Lois Jones	February 6	Shabbat Services February 19, 2021		
Anne Hernandez	Elizabeth Postal	February 6	Dick Fishman	Scott Fishman	February 19
Shabbat Services February 12, 2021			Irving Schredder	Bonnie Friedman	February 19
Lee Segal	Naomi Aronoff	February 7	Samuel Gramowitz	Martin Bibicoff	February 20
Bertha Segel Friedman	Neal Friedman	February 7	Lillian Schredder	Bonnie Friedman	February 22
Alfred Jackman	Marcia Jackman	February 7	Howard Segal	Naomi Aronoff	February 24
Florence Hoffman	Jack & Linda Kranz	February 10	Hyman Adelstein	Ilysha Buss	February 25
Solomon Shimmel	Cliff Rayman	February 11	Susan L. Merrill	Congregation	February 25
Dr, Anne Esau	Congregation	February 12	Shabbat Services February 26, 2021		
			Ida Kushner	Herbert Murez	February 27

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/>

FEBRUARY 2021 SH'VAT/ADAR 5781

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting on Zoom (Meeting information posted on our website prior to the meeting)	3 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	4	5 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	6
7 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School	8	9 7:00 PM Adult Education on Zoom American Law and Jewish Law - Session 4	10 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	11	12 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	13
14 No Religious School - Presidents Day Weekend 	15  <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	16	17 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	18	19 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube	20
21 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School	22	23	24 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	25 Erev Purim	26 7:00 PM Shabbat Services on Zoom and YouTube  Purim	27 7:00 PM Megillah Reading Temple Parking Lot
28 9:30 AM - Noon Religious School SCHOOL PURIM CELEBRATION						

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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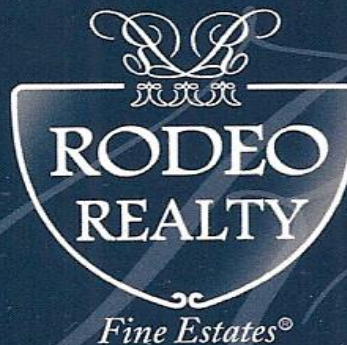
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