

June 2021



# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

*"The Temple With A Heart"*

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### **"May the one who brings Peace in the High Heavens"(Siddur)**



In a few months it will be 51 years since my first arrival in Israel, July 15, 1970, as a college student on my Junior Year abroad at Tel-Aviv University. Going to Israel was mandatory as part of my Major Near Eastern Language and Area Study at Rutgers.

But my connection to Israel went back much further. I joined a Zionist Youth movement Young Judaea in 1965. At Young Judaea we sang, danced, and discussed Israel at our meetings, our week-end retreats our national conventions. So, when I arrived in Israel I wasn't expecting a Jewish Utopia, I was expecting a country like any other country expect Hebrew signs instead of English ones.

I have been back 6 other times, the last with a group of Temple members in 2016. My opinion of the country has not changed. It has its severe problems and sometimes magical solutions. But on a regular basis, it is people going about their business just as people in a social/capitalistic democracy do. There is one major difference! Israel is a country not only for Israelis. It is a country that has been made to represent the Jewish People. Just as the relationship of our people with other peoples in

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### ***In-Person Shabbat Services Have Resumed - Every Friday at 7:00 PM***

**NOTE NEW EARLIER TIME**

*Mask required - Social distancing observed.  
See Page 6 for guidelines.*

### ***Watch Shabbat Services on our YouTube Channel***

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMGJ-6nbjGVT157iUgKFBgQ?pbjreload=10>

*New services posted every week,  
watch previous services.*



***Every  
Wednesday  
at Noon***

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

### ***ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTIONS***

***June 15, 2021 - 7:00 PM  
at the Temple***

*(See page 9 for information)*



### ***INFORMATION SOON!***

***WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED  
TICKETS WILL BE MADE  
AVAILABLE.***



# 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.

## 2020/21 Officers and Directors

### Officers

Ira L. Goldstein, *President*  
Ken Watnick, *Vice President*  
Eileen Martin, *Treasurer*  
Marlene Dreyfuss, *Secretary*

### Directors

Dan Gura  
Mary Gura  
Barbara Harmon  
Herbert Murez  
Theida Salazar

### Sisterhood President

Marlene Dreyfuss

## Morris Gold Religious School Faculty

Rabbi Mark Sobel, Education Director  
Shirley Kirschenbaum K-1  
Laura Goldstein- Hebrew 2-3,4-5  
Robyn Kreisberg Social Studies 6-7,  
Music  
Joshua Sobel Confirmation 8-10,  
Hebrew 6-7  
Rabbi Mark Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class  
Robyn Kreisberg, Music

## Religious School Parents Association

Cherie Rye, President

## Committee Chairs

### Education

David Goldstein

### Membership

Barbara Bolter

### Ritual

Ira L. Goldstein

## Coordinators and Volunteers

### Adult Education

David Goldstein

### Chai Times Editor

Ira L. Goldstein

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### Havurahs

Ruth Glick, (818) 780-9134

### Library

Shirley Abramson

### Marquee

Rabbi Mark Sobel

### One Call

Marlene Dreyfuss

### Reach Out

Rabbi Mark Sobel

## Temple Beth Emet Office Hours

Temporarily By Appointment Only

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  
contact Temple Staff/Volunteers.

Your message will be forwarded to the  
appropriate person.

## CHAI TIMES

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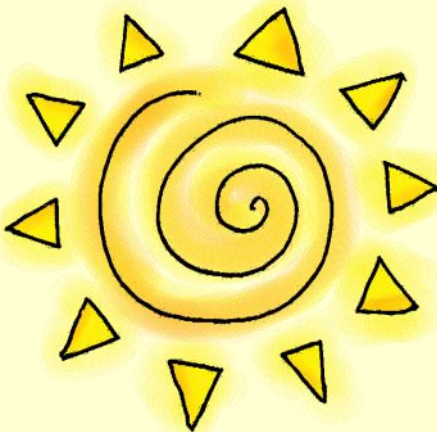
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members, please call the office or  
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the world through history has been complicated. Israel is like a museum revealing all the evidences of those complications. From Masada where 900 of our people held out against Rome for 3 years before committing suicide to Yad Vashem where there are exhibits of Holocaust murders to the Israel Museum with its fashions of our people worn as highly respected members of Persian and North African Society, to the Museum of the Diaspora at Tel Aviv University where miniatures of magnificent synagogues show the great wealth and power of our religion and our people, the complexity of being the Jewish state becomes apparent.

In the midst of this Jewish history pantheon, we must always remember that not all Israelis are Jewish Israelis.

Israeli Muslims and Christians make up 20% of the Israeli population. How do we include these fellow citizens into the overwhelmingly Jewish nature of Israel? Moreover, how do we include them in the concept of an Israel national idea? It is not easy and lately it has been made harder. As the world seems to be moving more towards societies based less on inclusion and more on exclusion, look at our country in the last 4+ years. The anger, hatred and arrogance of supremacists of all colors is unfortunately become a fact of life throughout the world. Israel is not immune! Jewish, Muslim and Christian extremists are on both sides of the present conflict. Their rhetoric has led to armed conflict. While this is not new in the history of Israel or of our people, it seems to be spiraling out of control whether in the form of a fist, a club, a bullet, a missile, or a rocket.

What can we do here in Burbank to help Israel? First acknowledge that it has problems both internal and external. Second, contact your Congressman, your Senator, and the President and tell them your opinion. Thirdly, if you feel the reporting of the media is biased, contact them. I have done all these things. Also, arrange with a spokesperson for Israel's adversaries a debate. I, as your Rabbi, volunteer. I have been debating with Israel's adversaries since 1968 when I was a senior in High School.

One last thing, I am including the Prayer for Peace (see page 6), written by Rabbi Kramer and Jim Mattis, may they both rest in peace. Please do as I do, the Jewish thing for the Jewish State, read it every morning!

B'ahava and Shalom,

Rabbi Mark



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - June 2021

Our Temple is emerging from the pandemic. We have resumed in-person Shabbat services, albeit without an oneg and with masks. Our religious school has concluded its all-Zoom term and we anticipate having our students and teachers returning to actual classrooms this fall. We are even anticipating holding High Holidays at the Temple in September.



Our journey back to "normal" depends, of course, on continued progress toward beating COVID-19. To a large extent that depends on all of us, our friends, our family, and our neighbors, becoming vaccinated. It also depends on continued vigilance in preventing transmission by wearing masks where necessary, continuing to wash our hands regularly, observing social distancing where appropriate, and paying attention to trends and conditions.

Diane and I are now fully vaccinated, as is our son Jon, and although it feels liberating, there is still the nagging hesitancy to embrace the old normal. While I no longer see fellow shoppers at the supermarket at threats to my existence, I still wipe down the handle of my cart, reach back in the shelf to pick a product less likely to have been touched by other customers, and wash my hands first thing when I get home. Who knows when, if ever, these new habits will fade.

It is clear, however, that our nation, our state, and our community are reopening, and that raises the question -- where do we go from here? This question is particularly important to our Temple Beth Emet family -- where do we go from here? What now? We are fortunate and grateful that over the past year (plus) our Temple membership has continued to pay their dues, make donations, and participate in our online activities and the few occasions where we had activities at Temple, but we really had no opportunity to grow our congregation. As we move forward into "recovery" it will be incumbent on each of us to not only continue our support of our Temple, but to look for ways to revitalize and expand our Temple family. We need to restore and replace things we used to rely on. We have started to reach out to organizations that were using our facilities and providing extra revenue, but our preschool families and staff have moved on and it is unlikely we will be restarting our preschool any time soon.

So where do we go from here? As a Temple community, we should look forward and see the opportunities. People have been forced into isolation, now we need to offer friendship and togetherness. People have been fearful, now we need to offer spiritual hope and encouragement. Times have seemed dark, but I can think of no better time than now, with the coming of summer's long days and light to chase those dark feelings away and rejoice in each other at our Temple With a Heart. Where do we go from here? We look upward, we go forward!

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President





## Yahrzeit Donations

Beatrice Manners, remembered by Susie Manners

Evelyn Jackman, remembered by Marcia Jackman

Franny Kurkland Cohen, remembered by LaVerne Cohen

**Join Temple Beth Emet Pen Pal Program** and make a new intergenerational friendship!



Temple Beth Emet has older members who are going through this tough time alone, and who may not have access to a community online. We also know there are many families with Religious school kids who would love to brighten someone's day and foster some new friendships.



If you and/or your child would like to join this program, or if you are a Senior interested in a pen pal, please contact Laura Goldstein at [lauragoldstein25@gmail.com](mailto:lauragoldstein25@gmail.com) or call 818-468-1572.

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)



## **A PRAYER FOR PEACE**

**In the name of God, the Merciful and Compassionate, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem.**

In the name of God, the Merciful and Compassionate, we pray for the peace of all the families of the earth.

**In a new year of promise of peace in the Holy Land, remember us unto life.**

O King, who delights in life. Remember unto Life all the children of Abraham, the sons and daughters of Isaac and Ishmael, of Jacob and Esau.

**Let the holy Wall of Your ancient sanctuary be a foundation again and not a barricade.**

Let steel and stone be tools to build and not weapons to destroy. Let fire light houses and not burn them. Let our words be truth and friendship, not lies and hatred.

**Teach us that there is no glory in war, no honor in hatred.**

Open our eyes to the horrors of war, to death and maiming, famine and pestilence, destruction and exile, terror and lamentation even for the victors.

**May no one again profane Your holy name by praying in Your name in any tongue, for the ruin of any of Your children.**

For if we worship a god of war and a god of hate, we do not worship You, but, though we may speak Your holy name, we serve idols of tribal pride instead, and sacrifice our children to the fire of Molech.

**Have we not all one father? Did not one God create us?**

Let no one of the children of Adam say "My ancestors are greater than yours!" Let no one of the house of Noah fill the earth with Lawlessness, for the power to destroy all flesh, this time with fire, now rests with us.

**Let the land of Zion and the house of Israel become an example to the world, that all Your children may rise above war and hate.**

As Isaac and Ishmael made peace with one another, and as Jacob and Esau made peace with one another, so may their households make peace with one another in our day, that the vision of Your prophet may come to pass:

**"In that day, Israel shall be a third partner with Egypt and Assyria as a blessing on earth; for the LORD of Hosts will bless them, saying, 'Blessed be My people—Egypt, My handiwork—Assyria, and My very own Israel'."**

For the glory of Your name, Let the nations behold Israel at peace and know that they too may choose peace and not war, that all Your children may choose life and not death.

**Then shall the Torah come forth from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. Thus He will judge among the nations and arbitrate for the many peoples, and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not take up sword against nation; they shall never again know war.**

Adapted, 9/14/93, by Rabbi William Kramer Z"L & James Mattis Z"L from "A Prayer for Peace" written by James Mattis, 9/90. The phrase at the beginning of the first two lines is from the Koran. The quotation is Isaiah 19:24-25.



Hello Temple Families,

Temple Beth Emet's Religious School held its last Zoom for the school year on May 23rd. The kids read a prayer for peace with the Rabbi, and parents and kids honored their teachers with gift cards.



This past year was unprecedented for both our Temple community and for our greater community of Burbank and Los Angeles. Our children, teachers, staff and volunteers did their best to cope with the difficulties of distanced learning. However, our children and community have demonstrated remarkable perseverance. Our kids were willing to come onto one more Zoom on Sundays, even though many of them had spent a good deal of time in remote learning for regular school. Our teachers prepared lessons and figured out ways to teach despite the constraints of Zoom. We could still sing together, each in our little squares.

As a community, we have had to be creative about how to support each other and help each other stay sane without endangering each other's health. As our seniors and later others have been able to be vaccinated against covid-19, our Temple has been able to open up for services once more.

The heart of Temple Beth Emet is you, whether you are six and just learning the Hebrew alphabet, or whether you are eighty-six, and just learning how to screen-share over Zoom. Together we are resilient.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in the Fall!

-- Cherie



**TEMPLE BETH EMET - BOOK CLUB**



**Temple Beth Emet Book Club**  
**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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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please take notice that in accordance with the By-Laws of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank, the Annual Meeting of the membership will take place on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Temple.

*All members are encouraged to attend.*

#### Nominated Slate of Officers for 2021—2022 Term

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of Officers and Directors of Temple Beth Emet for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 term:

<b>President:</b>	Ira Goldstein	<b>Directors:</b>	Dan Gura
<b>Vice President:</b>	Ken Watnick		Mary Gura
<b>Secretary:</b>	Marlene Dreyfuss		Barbara Harmon
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Eileen Martin		Herbert Murez
			Theda Salazar

Additional nominations will be taken from the floor, however any person nominated must be available either in attendance or by phone to accept nomination. Members may nominate themselves. All members in good standing are entitled to vote at the election of Officers and Directors.



### 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](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!



### June Birthdays

Jon Goldstein	June 9
Cathy Louise Zitnick	June 9
Robert Feldman	June 11
Aaron Werner	June 16
Neil Margolin	June 19
Rabbi Mark Sobel	June 22
Kyllo Sparks	June 30

### June Anniversaries

Ron & Merry Dacher	June 1
Gerald & Harriet Winnick	June 1
Samantha & John Brody	June 16
Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	June 25

### 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**



# YAHREZITS - HONORING THE MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

## JUNE YAHREZITS

NAME:	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:	NAME:	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:
<b>At Temple June 4, 2021</b>			<b>At Temple June 18, 2021 (continued)</b>		
Bertha Yaras	Fran Bernstein	June 1	Edward A. Goldsmith	Gary Goldsmith	June 18
Susie Ferran	The Schaffer Family	June 1	Dorothy Copalowitz	Congregation	June 18
Selma Kaden	Ron Kaden	June 5	Stephen Kayser	Bennett Kayser	June 19
<b>At Temple June 11, 2021</b>			<b>At Temple June 25, 2021</b>		
Edith Liebgot	Howard Liebgot	June 7	Belle Klivans	Barbara Klivans	June 21
Joseph Frischman	William Frischman	June 6	Morris Feinsilber	Joyce Feinsilber	June 21
Mollie Steinmetz	Susan Levin	June 7	Aleck Hoffman	Jack & Linda Kranz	June 21
Rabbi William Kramer	Congregation	June 8	James Pollard	Cindy Adkins	June 23
Sylvia Schuster	Linda Mazur	June 8	Irwin Nord	Rabbi Mark Sobel	June 25
Minerva Sandelman	Joyce Feinsilber	June 9	Henry Kapson	Pat & Bruce Bigley	June 25
Maggie Montalbano	Bea Satmary	June 11	Henry Kapson	Bob Bigley	June 25
Cecilia Feldman	Pamela Franklin	June 12			
<b>At Temple June 18, 2021</b>			<b>At Temple July 2, 2021</b>		
Samuel Polakoff	Fran Bernstein	June 15	Sidney J. Epstein	Adrienne Everakes	June 27
Regina Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	June 16	Charles Kayser	Bennett Kayser	June 29

## 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/>



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	3	4 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	5
6	7	8	9 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	10	11 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	12
13	14  Flag Day	15 7:00 PM Annual Membership Meeting and Elections <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	16 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	17	18 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	19
20  Happy Father's Day  Summer Begins	21	22	23 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	24	25 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	26
27	28	29	30	<div>Follow Us!</div> <div>   </div>		

**Tuesday, July 6, 7:00 PM** - Temple Board Meeting. **Friday, July 9**, Board Installation at Shabbat Services.  
**Lunch With the Rabbi** - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. **Shabbat Services** - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.





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you learn  
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## Lunch & Learn

**Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> • 12 noon**

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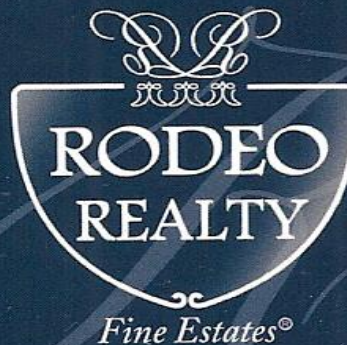
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