

July 2021



# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

*"The Temple With A Heart"*

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### **"It is a land of Milk and Honey, but..." (Numbers 14:8)**

Last month, June fifth, Jews all over the world read the Torah portion entitled "Shelach" named for the 12 spies Moses sent to scout out the Land of Israel before our return. Ten of the spies came back disillusioned, not with the land but with themselves. "It is a land flowing with Milk and honey, BUT...We were ants in our own eyes when we viewed the Canaanites", they lamented. Their attitude reflected what they felt that our people could never conquer the land. Only 2, Joshua and Caleb differed, "G-d is with us, we will not fail", was Caleb's answer.

Our congregation has members who have a constant active relationship with G-d, while others see G-d as the originator of life, but now stays back and lets us do what we do. Every belief system in between is also found in our House of Truth (Temple Beth Emet in English) Look up Spinoza and the Ba'al Shem Tov. So. Let me add my one of my True beliefs. We are created in the spiritual image of G-d, which makes people G-d on Earth. Rabbi Harold Kushner makes a similar point in his book 'When Bad Things Happen to Good People'. People, he says, go looking for G-d's supernatural

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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/>

### **TEMPLE BOARD MEETING**

July 6, 2021 - 7:00 PM  
at the Temple

**New Board Installation at Shabbat  
Services, July 9, 2021 - 7:00 PM**



### **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*  
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Eileen Martin, *Treasurer*  
Melissa Potter, *Secretary*

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Mary Gura  
Barbara Harmon  
Herbert Murez  
Theida Salazar

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Marlene Dreyfuss

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Shirley Kirschenbaum K-3  
Laura Goldstein Hebrew 4-5  
Miranda Goldstein 4-5 Social Studies  
Robyn Kreisberg Social Studies 6-8  
Olivia Goldstein 6 Hebrew  
Rabbi Mark 7-8 Hebrew, Bar/Bat  
Mitzvah Class  
Robyn Kreisberg, Music

## Religious School Parents Association

Cherie Rye, President

## Committee Chairs

### Education

David Goldstein

### Ritual

Ira L. Goldstein

## Coordinators and Volunteers

### Adult Education

David Goldstein

### Chai Times Editor

Ira L. Goldstein

### Children's Hospital LA Toys

Shirley Abramson

### Havurahs

Ruth Glick, (818) 780-9134

### Library

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### Marquee

Rabbi Mark Sobel

### One Call

Diane Lewis-Goldstein

### 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

**Chai Times** is the free, monthly  
newsletter of Temple Beth Emet  
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[www.TempleBethEmet.com](http://www.TempleBethEmet.com).

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Temple Officers and Directors.**

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on how we can better serve our  
members, please call the office or  
email us at:

[office@Templebethemet.com](mailto:office@Templebethemet.com)



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miracles and overlook the miracle of the person sitting next to you at 2 o'clock in the morning listening to you spilling your guts. Or the person you call when having a panic attack. Or the person who tells you, "You Are Lovable and Capable".

Now, as the effects of the Pandemic are lessening but not ended, we need to put our capabilities to work to return us to the 'Promised' land' of a fully functioning Temple Beth Emet. Our congregants' creativity enabled us to broadcast to the world services from Shabbat to Yizkor, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur., To be together, Hanukkah outdoors and Purim Indoors, and have a functioning Religious School for the better part of both 2020 and 2021.

Now we need to dream bigger dreams. Not as ants, but as those who are allied with the Higher Power! Be brave, be proud, be one together. Be US!!!

When we were free before the Pandemic there was always something going on at Temple and not just Friday night.

High holidays, G-d willing, we will be home, Adult Education soon after. We need your input for what we will bring home! Adult Education, Temple Enrichment, Men's club guest speakers, Sisterhood book reviews, Temple Pot lucks. Bar and Bat Mitzvahs all these make us proud of our congregation, of our students, of ourselves

As we say at Passover, "We were slaves. Now we are free!" Free people create freely, independent people can make us the BEST INDEPENDENT CONGREGATION IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD!

B'ahava and Barukim HaBa'im,

Rabbi Mark



*Have a great summer break,*

*See you in the Fall!*







### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - July 2020

About 10 years ago Steve Abrams, then president of Temple Beth Emet, and I went to the house of a Temple member. She had some ideas for the Temple she wanted to discuss. Ideas to increase involvement, maybe do a little fundraising, and to have fun.



Among these ideas were doing a casino night, hosting a wine and cheese evening with a film, and holding a Pizza Night dinner before services once a month. I thought this nice woman was a little nuts. That woman, of course, was Barbara Bolter.

But if you work in any organization, especially one run by volunteers, you learn not to dismiss any ideas. You never know, one of them might work. We did the casino night and it was a success. We did the wine, cheese, and film nights and people came and enjoyed them. And Pizza Night became one of the biggest draws for Shabbat services.

I always listened to what Barbara had to say. I'm happy to say we became friends.

Everyone at Temple loved Barbara. How could you not love someone with such an effervescent and warm personality?

She made it a point of going up to people who were visiting our Temple. She got to know about their family and she made sure to get their name and phone numbers so she could follow up with them. She always had this little pad with her. She'd pull it out and on the cover there was a drawing done by one of her grandchildren, which always drew a comment from the visitor and helped form a personal bond between Barbara and the visitor.

Of course, having the little pad was no accident, nor was the fact that the pad had a cute drawing on it. Barbara was a warm and loving person to be sure, but she was also one smart cookie.

Barbara's passing is a great loss to her Temple family, and even before we announced to the congregation, we started getting email messages. I want to share some of them with you.

It was an absolute honor to know Barbara. She was a true friend and we will miss her terribly. I miss her terribly already and like many of her friends, cannot believe she is no longer with us.

Barbara contributed so much to TBE and made a difference in people's lives. I always thought she would have made the most amazing sales woman as she was so awesome at increasing our membership at TBE!

She helped people and encouraged them to participate, try, and live life to the fullest.

Barbara loved and cherished her family, she was so proud of her daughters and grandchildren.

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***In Loving Memory of Barbara Bolter  
Temple Beth Emet's Greatest Cheerleader***



*On June 13 we lost valued and much loved member of our Temple family, Barbara Bolter. Barbara served as a director on our board and as Membership chair for many years. She was often the first one to meet new people visiting us and always made newcomers feel welcome. She spearheaded many creative Temple activities including a casino night, movies, and our long enduring and very successful pizza night. She loved our Temple and its people and that love was reciprocated.*

*Her passing is a great loss to our Temple and to all who knew and loved her.*

Barbara's Hebrew name *B'raka bat Label v'Miriam* means "a blessing that comes from the Heart of God and Miriam"

Miriam is famous for several activities, among them, watching over her brother Moses floating down the Nile while standing in the bulrushes, getting his mother to nurse him in Pharaoh's Daughter's place Nile, and leading the women's cheering section after we crossed the Reed Sea.

Barbara was a blessing to us all as she watched over the congregation, got people and activities that would nurse us through some tough times and was one of our greatest cheerleaders as Membership chairperson. She told the world or at least those who would listen about how great we were and how joining with us would eliminate your spiritual slavery and bring you to the promised land of community!

Her heart and her love for us was divine and full of Godly acts.

Truly she was an *Eshet Hayyil*, 'a woman of valor'

May her memory always remain a blessing for us all.

-- Rabbi Mark



## YAHREIT DONATIONS

Bertha Yaras, remembered by Fran Bernstein

Mollie Steinmetz, remembered by Susan Levin

Samuel Polakoff, remembered by Fran Bernstein

Henry Kapson, remembered by Bruce and Pat Bigley

Sidney J. Epstein, remembered by Adrienne Everakes

Edith Liebgot, remembered by Howard Liebgot

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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Barbara, you will always be the most special friend and will live on in my heart forever. When I think of you, I will always smile.

I'm so sorry. She was such a sweet lady.

I am so sorry to hear this. I will miss her.

I am so saddened by this loss. Barbara was such an upbeat, intelligent, and good person. The world would be a better place if there were more people like her.

So sorry to receive this news. Barbara had such a warm personality and made everyone feel welcome. We will miss her.

Words are inadequate. We suffered the loss of a sparkplug, a mover and shaker, the likes of which we will not find again so soon.

I wanted to send my condolences to you and the whole congregation. Barbara was a doll and will be missed.

I am so sad and sorry to hear that Barbara has passed away. She was a real asset to TBE and certainly a huge supporter and cheerleader for both the preschool and me personally. May her memory always be a blessing...I know it will be for me. Wishing you all the best.

To Barbara's family, from me and Diane, and from the Temple Beth Emet family, thank you for sharing her with us. Her memory will be a blessing, as was her life.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



## RESULTS OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

### THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING BOARD

President: Ira L. Goldstein  
Vice-President: Ken Watnik  
Secretary: Marlene Dreyfuss  
Treasurer: Eileen Martin

Directors: Dan Gura  
Mary Gura  
Barbara Harmon  
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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BOARD

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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS  
SHABBAT SERVICES, FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2017 AT 7:30PM**



# People are living 30 years longer. Are you getting the most out of these years?



You will learn from this presentation:

- \* **How aging has changed since our grandparents lived**
- \* **What Older People would like improved in relationships with their Children**
- \* **What Adult Children would like improved in relationships with their Parents**
- \* **How Older People can return to normal life after the isolation of Covid**

***Sunday, July 25th, 10am to Noon***

***Temple Beth Emet, 600 N. Buena Vista, Burbank***

***Presented by the daughter/mother team of Jeannie Mintz and Bobbie Eckstein***

Bobbie Eckstein, M.A., MFT is a license marriage, family therapist. She founded Valley Counseling in 1978. She has counseled clients from ages 5 to 80 and is currently most interested in the older population.

Jeannie Mintz has an M.A. in Human and Organizational Systems emphasizing Gerontology and Communication. She has developed programs and conducted training at several non-profit organizations.



### July Birthdays

Irene Bobrowsky	July 4
Joel Lava	July 4
Sarah Lava	July 5
Agnes Bertiz	July 13
Tracy Martin	July 15
Rebecca Amir	July 19
Philip Wolfson	July 25

### July Anniversaries

Dan Werner & Flora Werner-Mendoza July 20

**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.



Your contact information will remain confidential.

### 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**



## Yahrzeits - Honoring the Memory of Loved Ones

NAME:	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:	NAME:	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:
<b>At Temple July 2, 2021</b>			<b>At Temple July 16, 2021 (continued)</b>		
Samuel Sillman	Lois Jones	July 2	Betty Marco	Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dash	July 14
Maxwell Somerfield	Ellie Somerfield	July 3	Barbara Golper	Peter Golper	July 14
			Dee Segall	Congregation	July 14
<b>At Temple July 9, 2021</b>			<b>At Temple July 23, 2021</b>		
Ruth Feinstein	Joel Feinstein	July 4			
James Porter	Congregation	July 5	Leonard Kravetz	Iris Abrams	July 16
Philip Carpe	Congregation	July 5	Jesse Alexander	Congregation	July 20
Gustave Haberfeld	Lila Tepper	July 5	Helen Segal	Naomi Aronoff	July 20
Maria Elena Nudell	Congregation	July 7			
<b>At Temple July 16, 2021</b>			<b>At Temple July 30, 2021</b>		
			Helen Tomskey	Congregation	July 29
Sylvia Aronson	Congregation	July 10	Anna Carpe	Congregation	July 29
Morris Lubow	Congregation	July 12	Amelia Ascherman	Hannah Cline	July 31
Abe Goldstein	Ira Goldstein	July 13	Morris Rothman	Sara Faden	July 31
Phillip J. Freeman	Judy Robins	July 14	Sidney Karchmer	Linda Mazur	July 31

## 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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Sign up for AmazonSmile and TBE will receive a donation when you shop.

Go to: [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

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**Tuesday, August 3, 7:00 PM - Temple Board Meeting.**

**Lunch With the Rabbi** - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. **Shababt Services** - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.



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What can  
you learn  
about senior  
living at our  
upcoming  
event?

*A whole bunch.*

Ask questions. It's casual, easy and you're invited.

## Lunch & Learn

**Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> • 12 noon**

*Join us for an informative presentation on senior living  
and the exceptional services & safeguards offered.*

*Afterwards, take a tour of our beautiful community  
and enjoy a delicious lunch especially prepared by our  
culinary team. Seating is limited & socially distanced.*

*To RSVP, please call 818.732.8450.*

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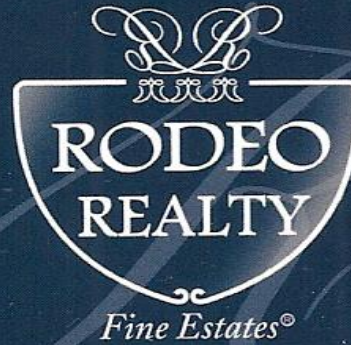






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