

November 2021



# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

*"The Temple With A Heart"*

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### "Tzedakah Tatzil M'mavet" ( Tzedakah rescues from Death)

(Written on a Hungarian Tzedakah Box  
circa 1900)



This month we have the benefit of 3 holidays, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Hanukkah. The first two are always in November but Hanukkah comes to us as a product of the Lunar Calendar verses the Gregorian calendar.

While I was thinking about these three holidays one word for each came to Veteran's day –commitment, veterans made commitments to the needs of their country, Thanksgiving Day thankfulness for what we have before us and Hanukkah, Rededication. Rededication to our community.

Other words also came to mind 'Tzedakah', righteous behavior. You see, for us the act of giving, unlike the concept of charity, is not voluntary. We are required to give. Today, most people see Tzedakah in terms of money but the idea involves so much more, voluntary time commitments, active helping of others and giving of clothing and other items no longer of use.

Just a simple reminder, the reward of doing

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**EVERY WEDNESDAY  
AT NOON**

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

**TEMPLE BOARD MEETING**  
November 2, 2021 - 7:00 PM

**SISTERHOOD "PRE-SALE" MEETING**  
ACCEPTING DONATIONS AND PREPARING ITEMS FOR SALE  
Sunday, November 7, 2021 - 9:30 AM

**ADULT EDUCATION SERIES BEGINS**  
**WE LIVED THERE, TOO!**  
November 9, 2021 - 7:00 PM  
**THE CARIBBEAN AND SOUTH AMERICA**  
From Tarshish to Salmon Kay

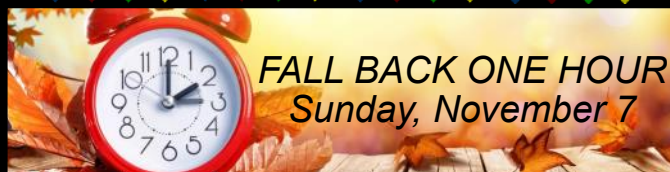
**SISTERHOOD PARKING LOT SALE**  
Sunday, November 14, 2021 - 8:00 AM

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENTS  
ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
Sunday, November 21, 2021 - 9:00 AM



**Happy Hanukkah**

First Night - November 28



**FALL BACK ONE HOUR**  
Sunday, November 7



# 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 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 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*

Call the Temple office at (818) 843-4787 to  
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Your message will be forwarded to the  
appropriate person.

## CHAI TIMES

**Chai Times** is the free, monthly  
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members, please call the office or  
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Tzedakah is not money. If you do a 'good deed' and someone rewards you with money, you are not doing Tzedakah, you are doing business.

I was thinking about an American Jewish veteran who volunteered his services and his only reward was to be considered a full righteous citizen of the US. His name was Jean LaFitte and he helped Gen. Andrew Jackson defend New Orleans in the war of 1812. Tzedakah and Veteran's Day what a Jewish Combination

What about Thanksgiving? The Tzedakah of the Native Americans goes beyond just Tzedakah to Pikiach Nefesh as they definitely saved the lives of the Puritans. The Puritans had much to be thankful for at that dinner and for many dinners afterward because they had been shown how to farm their crops.

Hanukkah means rededication and education, the Maccabees Tzedakah was not only to bring the people together to fight the common foe. It was to rebuild our Temple as the center for Jewish life.

Now we have opportunities of gigantic magnitudes for doing Tzedakah. Today many people see Tzedakah as only involving money. That is not the best example of Tzedakah, only the simplest. Tzedakah has many different forms and styles. Joining committees, coming up with ideas for Temple improvement, joining the several boards and groups we offer Reestablishing the book club, joining the choir, a movie night committer, and Temple Enrichment, all of these need people's ideas. Especially the young Families. Please get involved. We need you!

I just remembered! A way to do Tzedakah and make room in your house for new Hanukkah presents By the way, Purim is actually the official time for gift giving in Judaism.

Seriously, on November 14, the Sisterhood is holding a Temple Beth Emet Parking Lot Sale. I have an idea, Parents, come drop off your kids at the front door, and then walk around the build. Bring us your goodies, or just come to look and buy some of you neighbors items. This Tzedakah gala involves all the ideas of November's holidays, Commitment to Temple both in giving and receiving, Thankfulness, so thankful to get rid of this and find that, and Rededication, your efforts will help us rededicate ourselves to making the Post Pandemic Temple Beth Emet stronger and so full of Tzedakah

B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - November 2021

Let's get this out of the way first -- Halloween is not a Jewish holiday. It has its roots in Celtic pagan beliefs and was later usurped by the Catholic Church, which took a "if you can't beat 'em, turn their traditions into our traditions" approach, much as they did with what we now know as a Christmas Tree.



Jews have plenty of reasons to ignore Halloween -- its origins and later history deal with pagan worship, evil forces, ungodly behavior, Christian doctrine, and all sorts of things Jews are supposed to reject. For many years our Temple Men's Club put on a "Hal Levine" dance at the end of October, but Rabbi Mark used to actively discourage Halloween celebrations, stressing that we had our own holiday involving costumes, frivolity, fun, and treats -- Purim! But just as Labor Day has nothing to do with mattress sales, Valentine's Day did not originate at See's Candies or with Hallmark, and the first Thanksgiving did not involve camping out in front of Best Buy for sales the next day, Halloween in America has for some time become a completely secular holiday for scares, costumes, and children going around the neighborhood collecting candy.

We have always enjoyed sitting on the front porch handing out candy to the kids (big and small) and chatting with the parents taking their children around the neighborhood. For many years it seemed we got fewer and fewer children visiting, leaving us with too much leftover candy, which lasted often past Thanksgiving. Then came 2020 and the Corona virus. Last year we put up decorations in front of the house, but we put garden shepherd's hook garden stakes across the front porch with caution tape strung between them to indicate we would not be handing out treats.

This year we decided that since we were vaccinated and would wear masks it would be safe to welcome trick-or-treaters. We sat on our porch bench, played the Halloween music playlist on Alexa, and enjoyed meeting and treating more children than we have had visit in years. One parent specifically thanked us for wearing masks. At the end of the evening we had a lot less leftover candy.

Last year we had to forego or severely modify our holiday celebrations. Family gatherings at Thanksgiving and Passover were cancelled or held over Zoom, our High Holiday services were on video, our Temple Hanukkah observance was outside in front of Temple and we were masked and distanced.

This year, taking precautions, we can once again celebrate holidays in a more normal way. At Temple we returned to in-person Shabbat and High Holiday services. Our immediate

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## Yahrzeit Donations

*Joe Murez remembered by Herbert Murez*

*Bernard Cohen remembered by Robert & La Verne Cohen*

*Alan Shear remembered by Phyllis Shear*

*Miriam Lazofsky remembered by Betty Canter & Gail Arce*

*Eva Pandrowitz remembered by Harriet Feinstein*

*Ruth Fishman remembered by Scott Fishman*

*Frances Rose remembered by Eileen Martin*

*Bess Jacob remembered by Phyllis Shear*

### **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/>



Cherie Rye advises us of the following:

The Religious School Parents Association is evolving! Rather than having an "official" president, parents seemed to prefer more of a round-robin based structure for meetings. So at the next meeting on November 14, we'll choose who will organize the next meeting. We're planning to meet before specific events--holiday parties, etc., rather than once a month. We are also utilizing our own Google account to help communicate with each other more efficiently.



The RSPA is planning Hanukkah activities for religious school students, and we will report on that next month.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Hanukkah! Stay safe and stay well.

-- The Religious School Parents Association



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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family, all being vaccinated, is planning to be together at Thanksgiving. Things are not exactly the way before COVID, and they may not be for a long time, but they are better enough that we can celebrate holidays again. As we approach Thanksgiving this year, we can truly be thankful for how much better things are this year than last year. As we approach Hanukkah this year ("early" this year at the end of November) we can rededicate ourselves our traditions of family and community.

Halloween felt special and more important this year because we missed so much last year. As we look forward to the upcoming holiday season (and beyond) we should make a point of safely enjoying celebrations with renewed enthusiasm and joy. Having had to forego so much last year, let us appreciate the holidays so much more this year.

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and *hag Hannukah sameach*, a very Happy Hanukkah.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President





**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**

Hey Everyone! The Sisterhood is having a Parking Lot Sale on November 14 from 8-12. (See our flyer, page 9.) We are collecting "treasures" on November 7th at 9:30 a.m. and we will be cleaning the toys in the courtyard and figuring out what is sale-able. We would welcome help on November 7th and on the November 14th.

Our regular meetings are the first Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and we welcome everyone to come and join. (See our other flyer, page 8.)

***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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*Sisterhood*

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*SISTERHOOD'S*



**ANNUAL**  
**PARKING LOT**



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021**

**8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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*“Funny you don’t look Jewish!”*

*“Oh Yeah. I had my \_\_\_\_\_ fixed!”*

***THE CARIBBEAN AND SOUTH AMERICA*** - November 9, 2021

*From Tarshish to Salmon Kay*

***NORTH AFRICA AND EGYPT*** - December 8, 2021

*Ptolemy to Elephantine*

***ETHIOPIA AND SUB SAHARAN AFRICA*** - January 11, 2022

*Haile Salasse was one of ours?*

***CHINA AND JAPAN*** - February 8, 2022

*A Tallis by any other name would still wrap nicely!*

***INDIA AND COCHIN*** - March 8, 2022

*A madras imprint on my soul*



# YAHREZITS - HONORING THE MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

## November Yahrzeits

NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:	NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:
<b>At Temple November 5, 2021</b>			<b>At Temple November 19, 2021</b>		
Vivian Liberson	The Liberson Family	November 1	Meir Zollman	David & Leona Zollman	November 14
Lenora Carpe	The Congregation	November 1	Gloria Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	November 14
William Feinsilber	Bari Bucknam	November 1	Stephen Abrams	Iris Abrams	November 14
Jewelle Bowen	Barbara Klivens	November 1	Robert Margolin	Neil Margolin	November 15
Robert Margolin	Neil & Vicki Margolin	November 1	Jeffrey Flasher	Barbara Flasher	November 15
Bess Jacob	Pyllis Shear	November 2	Lester Vourn	Barbara Bolter	November 16
Sarah Schiffman	Ilysha Buss	November 2	Ruth Fishman	Scott Fishman	November 16
Penny Buss	Neal Friedman	November 4	Marta Berger	James P. Small	November 17
Fanny Schuster	Linda Mazur	November 5	Janita Haver	The Congregation	November 17
Helen Margolin	Neil Margolin	November 6			
<b>At Temple November 12, 2021</b>			<b>At Temple November 26, 2020</b>		
Luis Guzman	Lila Tepper	November 7	Albert James Hanlin	Neil Margolin	November 21
Celia Rothman	Sara Faden	November 7	Joan Feinsilber	Barri Bucknam	November 22
Mary Cohen	Charley Cohen	November 7	Jack Bolter	Shirley Abramson	November 23
Norman Goodman	The Congregation	November 7	Robert Margolin	Neil Margolin	November 25
Hannah Davis	Marcia Jackman	November 8	David Antelman	Judith Antelman	November 26
Edward Bernstein	Fran Bernstein	November 8	Dr. Edwin Butler	Mr. & Mrs. Neil Margolin	November 27
Lillian Swedlove	Herbert Murez	November 9	Sara Guttentog	Rabbi Mark Sobel	November 27
Jack Bolter	Shirley Abramson	November 9	<b>At Temple December 3, 2021</b>		
Sam Miller	Marlene Dreyfuss	November 9	Grace Fulop	Barri Bucknam	November 29
Helen Meyerfeld	The Congregation	November 9	Elizabeth Sopasnik	Marlene Flowers	November 29
Moussa Hakakha	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	November 9	Elizabeth Sopasnik	Judith Antelman	November 29
Frances Rose	Eileen Martin	November 9	Shirley Trott	Dianne Bender	November 29
Frances Rose	Marlene Dreyfuss	November 9	Milton Sobel	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	November 29
Linda Faden	Sara Faden	November 10	Rabbi Sheryl Lewart	Neil & Vicki Margolin	November 30
Leroy Stacel	The Congregation	November 10	Mildred Marcus	Ellie Somerfield	November 30
George Gross	The Congregation	November 10	Harry Robins	Judy Robins	November 30
Leah Factor	The Congregation	November 11			
Anton Fulop	Barri Bucknam	November 13			
Sara Guttentag	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	November 13			



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### October Birthdays

Joseph Tanner	October 1
Lucy Berman	October 3
Miranda Goldstein	October 3
Isabel Frischman	October 6
William Frischman	October 7
Delaney Gallagher	October 15
Theida Salazar	October 15
Robin Klein Plesh	October 16
Flora Werner-Mendoza	October 16
Quinn Alexander Margolin-Moultrie	October 22
Lynda Feldman	October 24
Ben Gordon	October 25
Leona Zollman	October 25
Sarra Lerner	October 26
Ethan Cohen	October 29
Oliva Goldstein	October 30

### October Birthdays

Lauren & Chris DeVillier	October 19
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### **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 \$18 (*Chai*) will be added to your bill each time a card is sent in your name.

**Contact the Temple Office at: 818 843-4787**



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	4	5 7:00PM Shabbat Services	6
7 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon  9:30 AM - Sisterhood "Pre-sale" Meeting  Daylight Savings Time ends.	8	9 7:00PM Temple Board Meeting	10 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	11 	12 7:00PM Shabbat Services	13
14 Sisterhood Parking Lot Sale 8:00 AM - Noon  Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon  9:00 AM - Religious School Parent's Assoc. Meeting	15 <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	16	17 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	18	19 7:00PM Shabbat Services	20
21 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon	22	23	24 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	25  Thanksgiving	26 7:00PM Shabbat Services	27
28 No School - Thanksgiving Holiday  First Night Hanukkah	29  Hanukkah I	30  Hanukkah II				

**Lunch With the Rabbi** - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. **Shabbat Services** - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.  
**Sunday, December 5 - 10:00 AM** - Sisterhood Meeting. **Tuesday, December 7 - 7:00 PM** - Temple Board Meeting. **Tuesday, December 14** - Adult Education

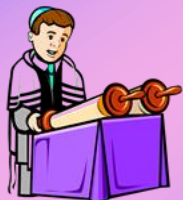


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**Fran Bourne Johnson**

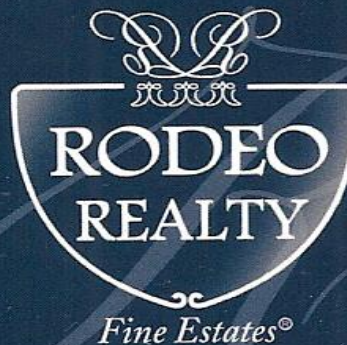
**Bailey Harrison**

**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.*



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