

December 2021



# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

*"The Temple With A Heart"*

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**"Always increase  
Holiness, never decrease  
Holiness" (Rabbi Hillel Talmud  
on Lighting the Menorah)**

Happy Hanukkah!

We know that the word Hanukkah means, rededication. So what are we rededicating ourselves to? The Temple of Course. We started last month with a successful Parking Lot Sale run by the Sisterhood.

If I have a critique, it is that more people didn't participate. We could have used more items to sell. We could have had more Temple people buying things from the Temple Family and more people could have helped clean -up. At this time of year, I am reminded of the entire Hanukkah epoch!

We all know the story of Hanukkah where the Maccabees defeat the Seleucid Greeks and fellow Jews who turned against our own people, cleaned -out the Temple and miracle of miracle the oil lasts for 8 days.

But what most people don't know is that the Civil War of our people lasted for several more years. After great loss of life, the Maccabees did win and took control of the Land of Israel.

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### HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

**Sunday, December 5 at 6:30 PM**

Our Adult Choir will be joining us and the children of our Religious School will be performing. We will also be having a community song fest. So bring your voices! We will also light the Temple Beth Emet Giant Hanukkiyah..

### TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

December 7, 2021 - 7:00 PM

### ADULT EDUCATION SERIES BEGINS

#### **WE LIVED THERE, TOO!**

December 14, 2021 - 7:00 PM  
**NORTH AFRICA AND EGYPT**  
Ptolemy to Elephantine



# 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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Robyn Kreisberg, Music

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David Goldstein

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Rabbi Mark Sobel

### One Call

Diane Lewis-Goldstein

### Reach Out

Rabbi Mark Sobel

## 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  
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## CHAI TIMES

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on how we can better serve our  
members, please call the office or  
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Then problems came. While calling for a rededication to our people and the Temple, the Maccabees wanted to take control of both the Temple, they were Cohanim, members of the priestly class, and it was due to them, and the civil government, rested since the days of the first Temple with Kings and such, the Secular leaders.

The people refused to give its consent to the Hasmoneans (Hasmoneans is the Maccabees' family name) selfishness and a Civil War Broke out. It became so dangerous for them, that the Maccabees (invited the Roman emperor Pompeii to rescue them. 200 years later the Romans exiled us from our own land

Dedicating ourselves today to rebuilding Temple Beth Emet after the horror of the pandemic is important to our lives as well as the lives of the entire Temple family. Selfish striving to increase power and influence will end as it did for the Hasmoneans in disaster for the Temple as well as each of us.

Dedicating oneself to the rebuilding of our Temple is paramount, but whatever good works we do must not be followed by desires and actions that destroy. Further if your actions are not dedicated to rebuilding the Temple, but aimed at rebuilding yourself the same axiom holds "Divisive acts can destroy victorious actions".

I love acrostics! Here is a Hanukkah acrostic I pray will help with our Rededication:

H	HAYYIM	LIFE
N	NER	GIVE LIGHT
U	V	AND
K	KOACH	STRENGTH
K	KVOD	HONOR
H	HASHEM	GOD

WHAT IT MEANS IS WE SHOULD ALL:

"LIVE A LIFE THAT GIVES LIGHT, STRENGTH AND HONOR TO GOD"

B'Ahava and Hag Sameach,

Rabbi Mark



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - December 2021

Next year's gonna be better than this year (Woo)  
Next year's gonna be better than this 'cause  
New Year's Eve comin' with a fresh kiss, yeah  
Next year's gonna be better than this  
Let's go



#### - Next Year, Macklemore

I remember last year at this time anxiously counting down the days to the end of the year. Let's face it, 2020 was a tough year. In March 2020 much of our normal lives came to a screeching halt. At first we thought it was only going to be for a few weeks before we could return to our normal lives. In retrospect, we have to laugh at our naiveté. Weeks turned into months. We learned how to count to 20 while washing our hands. We learned to wear masks when we went out. We learned how to use Zoom.

We got through 2020. Here at Temple Beth Emet, we continued Shabbat services, Religious School, board meetings, adult education, even High Holidays relying on technology and creativity. We learned as we went on. By December of last year, we had hope -- the more science learned about the Corona virus the better we were able to take steps to protect ourselves. We learned we didn't have to wipe down everything that came into the house, we learned when and the correct way to wear masks.

Last December we were looking forward to the miracle of vaccines that would end the pandemic. Maybe we were still being a little naïve, but perhaps instead it was hope, perseverance, and optimism. Whatever it was, I was very happy to see 2020 end.

Well, 2021 did not turn out to be quite as positive as we had hoped, but it was a darn sight better than the year before! As the vaccines became more and more available and conditions started to improve our lives became less restricted.

At Temple, we resumed in-person worship on Shabbat. We began holding board meeting at Temple again. This fall we resumed on-site instruction in our Religious School. We even had High Holiday services at Temple, live and with people attending. Adult Education is in-person as well. We are still taking appropriate precautions, we still offer online versions of religious services, our Hanukkah celebration this year will be outdoors in front of the Temple again, but even with dealing with the Delta variant (and watching with apprehension the emergence of Omicron) we are making our way toward our new normal.

Every time we do something we haven't been able to do since the pandemic began it feels

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## Yahrzeit Donations

Bess Jacob remembered by Phyllis Shear

William Aronoff remembered by Naomi Aronoff

Larry Weinfeld remembered by Bradley S. Weinfeld and the Weinfeld Family

Edward Bernstein remembered by Francine S. Bernstein

Avraham Marco remembered by Tzipy & Jerry Dash

Bessie Dash remembered by Tzipy & Jerry Dash

Harriet Modler remembered by Peter Modler

### **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**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

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special. On Thanksgiving we were able to have our son Jon and his girlfriend over for dinner. It was so much better than last year when we prepared and delivered dinner with all the trimmings while masked, without hugging and while staying 6 feet apart.

Last December I was counting down the days until the year was over because I could not wait to see it go. This December I am thankful for the progress we have made, I am hopeful for the year ahead, looking forward to 2022 because, as the song says, "Next year's gonna be better than this year."

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President

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)

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**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**

The Sisterhood had its Parking Lot Sale on November 14th and it was very successful. We made some money and got rid of many "treasures" our members brought to us. I especially want to thank the ladies who came and worked so very hard: Susie Berman, Barbara Harmon, Marlene Dreyfuss, Joanne Serrin, Felicia Van Dyke, Cheryl Rye, Eileen Martin. We also appreciated the Rabbi's help and the help in cleaning up from Joey Tanner, Vincent Van Dyke, and Howard Liebgot. We took our leftovers to Goodwill and made a dent in the toys in the courtyard. Thank you again to everyone who worked so hard and made it a success.

***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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FIRST SUNDAY

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*“Funny you don’t look Jewish!”*

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

***NORTH AFRICA AND EGYPT*** - December 14, 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*



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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.

<http://www.templebethemet.com/social-action/donations/>










### December Birthdays

Teagon Barton	December 1
Dan Werner	December 3
Nicole Wolfson	December 5
Alan Cohen	December 7
Susie Berman	December 9
Chloe Solomons	December 11
Rhonda Kess	December 15
Sarah Pacifici	December 16
Rachel Razankova	December 16
Ira Goldstein	December 18
Max Weisman	December 18
Robert Bigley	December 21
Iris Abrams	December 22
Diane Lewis-Goldstein	December 22
Joshua Vaysman	December 24
Rowan Epstein	December 26
Vivian May	December 28
Roni Razankova	December 29
Lauren DeVillier	December 30
Zoey Berman	December 31

### December Anniversaries

Bonnie & Stuart Friedman	December 8
Marc & Cindy Becker	December 19
David & Leona Zollman	December 20

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 	2 	3 7:00PM Shabbat Services 	4 
5 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon  6:30 PM Temple Hanukkah Celebration 	6	7 7:00PM Temple Board Meeting	8 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	9	10 7:00PM Shabbat Services	11
12 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon	13	14 7:00PM Adult Education Session 2	15 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom  <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	16	17 7:00PM Shabbat Services	18
19 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon	20	21 	22 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	23	24 7:00PM Shabbat Services	25
26 No Religious School - Winter Recess	27	28	29	30	31   New Year's Eve	

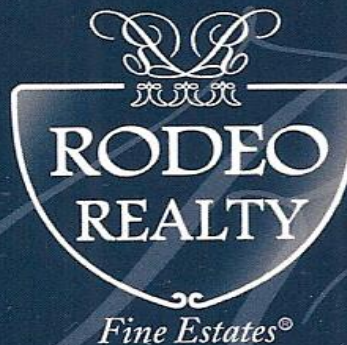
**Lunch With the Rabbi** - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. **Shabbat Services** - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.  
**Sunday, January 2 - 10:00 AM** - Sisterhood Meeting. **Tuesday, January 4 - 7:00 PM** - Temple Board Meeting. **Tuesday, January 11** - Adult Education



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