

# "Sometimes it's important whom you know"

In as few weeks it will be Presidents' Day, a holiday to commemorate past presidents. As I was thinking about the many

interactions our people have had with Presidents of the United States from George Washington's correspondence with the people of the Touro synagogue to Abraham Lincoln's refuting of Article 11 of General Ulysses S. Grant to the Abrahamic Accords of President Trump, I remembered an interesting incident involving President Harry S. Truman. In 1947, while the world was debating whether to divide up the territory of the British Mandate over Palestine, the United States took on a leadership role. The only problem was that the US government was not united in its approach to the 'partition plan' as it was called. President Truman was strong in his support of the Jewish forces behind establishing a Jewish State while the US State Department wanted the mandate to be continued under a UN Trusteeship program. Over the course of months of discussion, the President's support wavered and the pro-'partition plan' people grew afraid. Thankfully, one item in President Truman's past they were aware of. After Harry Truman left the military following WW1, he went into the Haberdashery (hat) business in Kansas City,



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**TEMPLE BOARD MEETING** February 1, 2022 via Zoom

### SISTERHOOD MEETING

February 6, 2022 at Temple

## ADULT EDUCATION SERIES WE LIVED THERE, TOO!

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### **NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Sunday, February 20, 2022

PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY

## **BOOK CLUB RETURNS!**

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM - See Page 6

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### **CHAI TIMES**

**Chai Times** is the free, monthly newsletter of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank available at www.TempleBethEmet.com.

Mailed hardcopies are available for an annual TBE donation payable through the Office.

Editable article submissions, photos and feedback are encouraged and due by the 15th of the month and may be emailed to:

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Missouri. His partner was a Jewish man named Eddie Jacobson.

As a last hope, friends of the 'pro-partition plan' asked if Mr. Jacobson would meet with the President.

He agreed and the meeting went like this:

Mr. Jacobson "Harry, you have an idol don't you? It's President Andrew Jackson (7<sup>th</sup> President of the United States), isn't it?"

President Truman, "Yes!

Mr. Jacobson," I have an idol, too. It's Chaim Weitzman, (first President of the State of Israel), please meet with him and hear what he has to say."

President Truman agreed and met with Dr. Weitzman!

A very famous photo exists of Chaim Weitzman presenting President Truman with a Torah. As we all know, America was the first country to recognize Israel.

This incident got me thinking about the Temple's future. We have been discussing at Board meetings and other occasions what we can do to build up the Temple in the future.

We all know people. We all have friends who we know in an informal manner but who in the totality of their life are pretty famous. Our friends have tales to tell anecdotes to share life experiences to be marveled at. Let's invite them to come and share with us. And if they have left us, let us share their stories.

A personal example, many years ago, I was called to do a funeral for a Mr. Siegal. I asked his widow, "{would anyone be speaking?" She replied," Maybe Stevie will speak about his dad". I wrote in my notebook Stevie Siegal will speak about his Dad. You can imagine my surprise when Stevie Siegal turned out to be Steven Segall! Let us start planning on inviting guests to come and speak at Temple. I love oral history, the more the better!

Oh, one last thought, we, too, are someone's friend. We are inviting Temple members to come and share their life stories. I know Temple members who are part of the car racing world, the acting world, the music world, the military world, the education world, the world that once was Burbank.

We will entitle these discussions, "Have I got a story to tell!!!!!"

Please come and tell us, we are waiting to learn from you!!

B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - February 2022

We're not going to Orlando this summer.



The national professional organization for Diane's field holds an annual national conference. For the past two years these conferences have been

held virtually. In the past, I have taken the opportunity to tag along to conferences, paying my own airfare. While Diane is busy in sessions I've explored the host cities, and during her free time we explored together and sometimes with other attendees.

In St. Louis, I visited a farm owned by Ulysses S. Grant, the historic Jefferson Barracks Military Post, the courthouse where the Dred Scott trial was held, the Arch, and Forest Park, site of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904, setting of Meet Me in St. Louis. We also had some fine barbeque.

In Dallas I looked up the address where my family lived when I was an infant and took picture of my brothers' elementary school. We also visited the arboretum, a local museum, and we also had some fine barbeque.

In Atlanta I visited the Delta Flight Museum and the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park. Diane and I visited their arboretum and local history museum, visited the Margaret Mitchell House, ate a famous fried chicken restaurant, and, yes, we also had some fine barbeque. (See a pattern here?)

Which brings us to Orlando, site of this year's conference. Diane and I have been leery of going because of the approach taken by some state and local officials in response to COVID-19 the past couple of years. But on January 29, a group of neo-Nazis held a protest on the side of a road near the University of Central Florida. They spotted a stopped car with a license plate frame bearing an Israeli flag. They pulled the driver, grandson of a Holocaust survivor, assaulted him and pepper sprayed him. The Orange County (Florida) Sherriff Department promised and investigation and arrests, but nothing has happened so far.

A group of neo-Nazis also flew a hate-filled banner over a local overpass.

What was the response from the Governor's office? One of his aides tweeted, then deleted, "Do we even know they're Nazis?" And Governor DeSantis? When asked about

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the incidents his first words were "These people, these Democrats, who are trying to use this as some type of political issue to try and smear me as if I had something to do with it, we are not playing their game." I'm sure the African-American and Jewish population of the State of Florida can rest easy knowing their Governor knows the real threat his citizenry is facing.

So we're not going to Florida this summer. This has nothing to do with politics. It has to do with racism and anti-Semitism. We just don't feel welcome or safe there. Next year the conference is in Baltimore, and I'm looking forward to that. The year after, the conference is in Minneapolis, and Diane has a cousin in the area, so that should be nice. I hope we can find some fine barbeque!

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



## TEMPLE BETH EMET - BOOK CLUB RETURNS!

## Temple Beth Emet Book Club

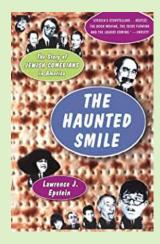
### Conducted by Barbara Harmon.

Book Club was founded by Fran Bourne Johnson Z"L\* \*Her memory will always be a blessing to us.

Where:

When:

What book will we be reading?



Blum Hall at Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

March 22, 2022 - 7:00PM to 8:30 PM (Zoom coverage pending)

### Haunted Smile by Lawrence J. Epstein

We could all use a good laugh now. *The Haunted Smile* by Lawrence J. Epstein is guaranteed to deliver at least three laughs per page. However, it is a serious book you will want to keep on your bookshelf of favorites. It's the story of Jewish comedians in America, how their Jewish backgrounds influenced them and the rest of American comedy.

Haunted Smile is available from Amazon and others in both print and e-book formats. To find a library copy to borrow, check out https://www.goodreads.com. Goodreads is a source of finding books and includes free library listings.

M95 masks will be available if needed.





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

Because of the Covid surge we cancelled the January Sisterhood Meeting. We will meet the first week in February in Blum Hall.

We hope everyone gets vaccinated and boosted and just stays safe.

Like everyone, we look forward to a better year to come. The Sisterhood wishes everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

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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# FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH 10:00 a.m.

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# TEMPLE BETH EMET ADULT EDUCATION SERIES 2021-202210:30AM

Presented by RABBI MARK H. SOBEL

# We Lived There, Too!

"Funny you don't look Jewish!"
"Oh Yeah. I had my fixed!"

INDIA AND COCHIN - February 8, 2022

A madras imprint on my soul

CHINA AND JAPAN - March 8, 2022

A Tallis by any other name would still wrap nicely!



## FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

NAME:	DATE:	REMEMBERED BY:	NAME:	DATE:	REMEMBERED BY:	
At Temple February 4, 2022			At Temple February 18, 2022			
Adam Caleb Dash	February 1	Jerry & Tzipy Dash	June Beck	February 14	The Congregation	
Beatrice Miliman	February 1	Debbie Zelman Maxwell Feinstein F		February 14	Joel Feinstein	
Ilse Korant Schindlbe	February 1	The Congregation	ongregation Helen Louise Naythons		David Naythons	
Lillian Schredder	February 1	Bonnie & Stuart Friedman	Alan Sloves	February 15	The Congregation	
Robert Sutton	February 1	The Congregation	Jim Harmon	February 16	Barbara Harmon	
Amelia Kapson	February 3	Bruce & Pat Bigley	Viola Krone	February 16	Gerald & Harriet Winnick	
Stella Pollack	February 4	The Congregation	Beatrice Kess	February 16	Rhonda Kess	
Morris Glatzer	February 5	Flo Mazzei	Florence Katz	February 18	Linda M. Kiernan	
At Temple February 11, 2022		Nathan H. Rose	February 18	Beverly Genereux		
Freida Slavin	February 6	Lois Jones	Dick Fishman	February 19	Scott Fishman	
Lee Segal	February 7	Naomi Aronoff	Irving Schredder	February 19	Bonnie & Stuart Friedman	
Alfred Jackman	February 7	Marcia Jackman	At Temple February 25, 2022		25, 2022	
Lee Segal	February 7	Naomi Aronoff	Samuel Gramowitz	February 20	Martin Bibicoff	
Florence Hoffman	February 10	Jack & Linda Kranz	Lillian Schredder	February 22	Bonnie Friedman	
Irving Schredder	February 11	Bonnie Friedman	Howard Segal	February 24	Naomi Aronoff	
Solomon Shimmel	February 11	Cliff Rayman	Hyman Adelstein	February 25	Ilysha Buss	
Dr. Anne Esau	February 12	The Congregation	At Temple March 4, 2022		4, 2022	
Mary Beth Naythons	February 13	David Naythons	Susan L. Merrill	February 25	The Congregation	
			lda Kushner	February 27	Herbert Murez	

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## **MEMBER CHAI LIGHTS**



# February Birthdays

Pat Bigley	February 1
Delílah Church	February 1
Elliot Whitecotten	February 3
sabelle 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
Aíden Solomons	February 23
Demetri Buss	February 25
Walter Polan	February 26
Camryn Bigley	February 27
Jet Duncan	February 27

We are unaware of any February anniversaries

Remember the sick, recovering and bereaved with cards, calls and visits. Please say prayers of <i>Refuah Sh'leimah</i> for	Havurah Happenings <u>Havurah Simcha L'Chaim</u>
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 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 <u>818 780 9134</u>

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# FEBRUARY 2022 TEVET/ADAR I 5782

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:00PM Temple Board Meeting via Zoom	2 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	3	4 7:00PM Shabbat Services	5
Religious School 2:00 AM - Noon 20:00 AM Sisterhood Meeting	7	8 7:00PM Adult Education Session 3	9 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	10	11 7:00PM Shabbat Services	12
13 Religious School D:00 AM - Noon	14 HAPPY Valentine's Oay	15 Chai Times Submissions Due	16 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	17	18 7:00PM Shabbat Services	19 10:00AM Vincent Van Dyk's Bar Mitzvah
20 Io Religious School - Presidents' Day Ioliday	21	22	23 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	24	25 7:00PM Shabbat Services	26 10:30AM Chloe Lava's Ba Mitzvah.
27 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon	28				1	



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