

May 2022



# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

*"The Temple With A Heart"*

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### Old men shall dream dreams and ... young men shall see visions "(Yoel 3:1)

In a few weeks it will be Israel Independence Day. Israel will be 74 years young. The first time I came to Israel was to study at Tel-Aviv University. It was July 15, 1970. America was in the midst of the Vietnam War and I had just left Rutgers and the student protests. "End the war" slogans were matched with "America, Love it or Leave it". Those signs usually reflected which generation was holding them.

I remember volunteering to work on Kibbutz Mesgav Am on the Israeli Lebanese border.

Over Rosh Hashanah, an elderly gentleman came over to us, the volunteers, and asked if we would be interested in hearing his opinions on Israel. As I recall, his talk was enlightening and thought provoking. Later on that Shabbat, I learned that he was a member of Israel's Parliament, the Knesseth, and he made it is duty to come to his Kibbutz and work like one of the Kibbutzniks (members) every Shabbat, which he was, of course. How many members of the US Congress then and now go home on week-ends to work as a common person?

Out of his talk, one comment stands out. He

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**EVERY WEDNESDAY  
AT NOON**

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

### SHABBAT SERVICE

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMGJ-6nbjGVT157iUgKFBgQ>

Also on Zoom, see page 11

**No Sisterhood Meeting This Month!**

### TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

May 3, 2022



May 8th!!



### LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

May 22, 2022



### BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

7:00 PM

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# 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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Melissa Potter, *Secretary*

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Dan Gura  
Mary Gura  
Barbara Harmon  
Herbert Murez  
Theida Salazar

### Sisterhood President

Marlene Dreyfuss

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Rabbi Mark Sobel, Education Director  
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, Liaison

## Office Staff

Administrative Assistant,  
Ralph Garland

## Committee Chairs

### Education

David Goldstein

### Ritual

Ira L. Goldstein

## Coordinators and Volunteers

### Adult Education

David Goldstein

### Book Club

Barbara Harmon

### Chai Times Editor

Ira L. Goldstein

### Children's Hospital LA Toys

Shirley Abramson

### Library

Shirley Abramson

### Marquee

Rabbi Mark Sobel

### One Call

Diane Lewis-Goldstein

### Reach Out

Rabbi Mark Sobel

## Temple Beth Emet Office Hours

Monday - Thursday - 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Friday, 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*

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appropriate person.

## CHAI TIMES

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may be emailed to:**

**[chaitimes@TempleBethEmet.com](mailto:chaitimes@TempleBethEmet.com) or  
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Submissions will be published based  
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**ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
MAY 5, 2022

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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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said, "Here there is no generation gap. It is hard for parents to lord it over their children, when both serve in Tzahal (Israel Defense Forces)". Coming out of a country so divided as America was in 1970, his commitment struck home with me.

Now it is 52 years later and I see America divided again. Not only politically, but ideologically and generationally.

Here at Temple over the course of these past few months, we have organized for the school and the Temple, three major activities, the Megillah Reading, the Purim Carnival and the School Seder. Even before them, and when I have called upon our young people, they have volunteered to come forward. With great efforts, with joy and with enthusiasm, they have gone beyond what I have requested of them. Now, perhaps, I have to explain 'young people' in my lexicon. I am only 2 years younger than Israel, so any one younger than me is a younger person. Seriously, we have great cadre of teen-agers, young parents and couples and singles waiting to show there is no generation gap in loving the Temple. Some of our new members are even old Bar/Bat Mitzvahs from years gone by.

As the Israeli Knesset member spoke of common experience with regards to war and peace, please don't misunderstand, I don't ever wish for any member of our congregation or any congregation to go to war, but I wish for us to see in each other the shared love and experience that comes from placing the "Temple with a heart" in everyone's heart. On an 'Assiyah (doing) level, I have found, just asking works wonders. The asking, though, should include the words, would, and, how in it. Perhaps, "Would you like to help us do this and how do you see it working?" Is the way to go? if you involve others' ideas and thoughts, you often get their hands as well.

Please remember, Israel was built with young people like David Ben-Gurion and with the support of an oldster Ha Rav Kook. Age separated them but Visions and dreams for the future did not.

B'ahava and b'achdut,

Rabbi Mark



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - May 2022

At the last meeting of your Board of Directors we discussed an article in a recent issue of the Jewish Journal brought to our attention by one of our board members, Herb Murez. The article, [\*Bringing Synagogues Back to Life\*](#), focused on the problems many congregations, including ours, are facing, in particular declining enrollment.



The authors, Dr. Ron Wolfson and Rabbi Brett Kopin, observed:

Congregations reeling from pandemic-induced membership decline. Rabbis resigning pulpits in droves. Seminary enrollment plummeting.

These are the headlines proclaiming a crisis in synagogue life. To be sure, these are serious challenges. But, decrying the death of synagogues is going to be the death of synagogues.

The article presents three levels of engagement required to build a Jewish religious community: "(L)inking people to the totality of Jewish living; building relationships between the clergy, the staff and lay leaders and the members and guests; and connecting members with each other."

An important aspect of connecting members with each other is the recognition of the value of small groups, not so much as existing as part of the whole community, but as the requisite building blocks of the community.

Here at Temple Beth Emet, we have often thought of our Friday Night group, our Religious School group, our sub-organizations such as Sisterhood and Book Club groups, etc. We have often tried to think of ways to unite those groups, but perhaps we need to recognize the value of these seemingly separate groups as providing the intimate communities necessary to build the Temple community at large.

As the board discussed how we might go about encouraging building a stronger Temple community, it became apparent that we needed to return Temple programming that were curtailed during the pandemic. We started planning how to safely bring back Oneg Shabbats. We discussed bringing back other activities such as Pizza Night, pot luck dinners, and entertainment programs such as a talent show and movie nights. Many of these activities will by necessity wait until we get closer to the High Holidays, but we be planning some events for the summer months.

Wolfson and Kopin conclude their article by reminding us that "(p)eople will come to synagogues for programs, but they will stay for relationships." The programs we are looking to resume compliment our more structured activities such as religious services and classes, which provide the foundation and purpose for Temple Beth Emet as a religious organization. The more informal, less structured activities (which you might notice, often involve food) encourages the development of those all-important relationships and affords all of us the opportunity to get to know each other better and to welcome those who may be visiting us for the first time. Of course, to achieve these positive results, we need to participate in these programs!

What are some of the things you want to see happen at Temple? We need your new ideas as well as your enthusiasm and involvement. The best way for us to grow our community and ensure a positive and exciting future for Temple Beth Emet is for more people to meet YOU!

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President





## 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:**

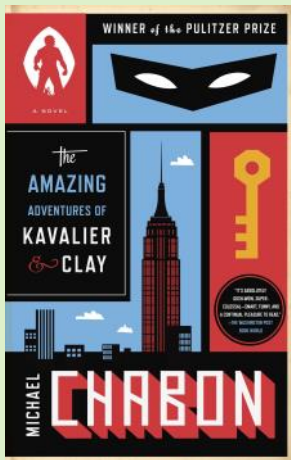
Blum Hall at Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

**When:**

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

**What book will we be reading?**

***The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay***  
by Michael Chabon



### Synopsis

A young escape artist and budding magician named Joe Kavalier arrives on the doorstep of his cousin, Sammy Clay. While the long shadow of Hitler falls across Europe, America is happily in thrall to the Golden Age of comic books, and in a distant corner of Brooklyn, Sammy is looking for a way to cash in on the craze. He finds the ideal partner in the aloof, artistically gifted Joe, and together they embark on an adventure that takes them deep into the heart of Manhattan, and the heart of old-fashioned American ambition. From the shared fears, dreams, and desires of two teenage boys, they spin comic book tales of the heroic, fascist-fighting Escapist and the beautiful, mysterious Luna Moth, otherworldly mistress of the night. Climbing from the streets of Brooklyn to the top of the Empire State Building, Joe and Sammy carve out lives, and careers, as vivid as cyan and magenta ink.

Synopsis provided by Amazon.

*Book* 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.

N95 masks will be available if needed.

\* Our May selection was longer and its type smaller than we first realized, so we are giving everyone another month!



**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**

So many of our members have travel plans this month so we will not meet in May. Meeting will resume in June!

***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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## Yahrzeit Donations

Marlene Dreyfuss for Margot Palmer

Mary Manocchia for John Manocchia

Anna Osbaum, remembered by Marjorie Jacobs

Jim Moore, remembered by Barbara Moore

Charles Jones remembered by Lois Jones

Arthur Fields. remembered by Ben & Susan Fields

## In Memoriam Donations

Ruth Glick, remembered by Shirley Abramson

Richard Emerson, remembered by Religious School Faculty and Friends

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## MAY YAHREITS

| NAME                          | REMEMBERED BY:     | DATE:  | NAME                          | REMEMBERED BY:          | DATE:  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| <b>At Temple May 6, 2022</b>  |                    |        | <b>At Temple May 20, 2022</b> |                         |        |
| Jerry Trott                   | Dianne Bender      | May 1  | Evelyn Jackman                | Marcia Jackman          | May 16 |
| Ruth Friedman                 | Linda Mazur        | May 1  | Isak Korenstein               | Janet Petroff           | May 18 |
| Milton Eliasoff               | Susan Fields       | May 1  | Louis Altman                  | Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel | May 19 |
| Ernest Abdo                   | Vicki Margolin     | May 2  | Helen Pappert                 | Marilyn Pappert         | May 20 |
| <b>At Temple May 13, 2022</b> |                    |        | Abe Kranitz                   | Ian Kranitz             | May 21 |
| Alex Krone                    | Harriet Winnick    | May 8  | Belle Burns                   | Frank Burns             | May 25 |
| Beatrice Manners              | Susie Manners      | May 5  | Adele Abdo                    | Vicki Margolin          | May 26 |
| Morris Silber                 | Jack & Linda Kranz | May 5  | <b>At Temple May 27, 2022</b> |                         |        |
| John Eisinger                 | Congregation       | May 6  | Marc Goldwater                | Terry & Helen Goldwater | May 27 |
| Minnie Rutkovsky              | Martin Bibicoff    | May 7  | Eleanor Nemzer Marlin         | Dorothy Matzkin         | May 28 |
| Morris Tenney                 | Amy Belilove       | May 8  | Saul Weisman                  | Diane Weisman           | May 29 |
| Alfred Ascherman              | Hannah Cline       | May 8  | Betty Kapson                  | Pat Bigley              | May 30 |
| Anna Nudell                   | Mayer Nudell       | May 10 |                               |                         |        |
| Louis Altman                  | Rabbi Mark Sobel   | May 13 |                               |                         |        |
| Esther Shagan Klien           | Cheryl Mundon      | May 13 |                               |                         |        |

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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.

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May Birthdays

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Wesley Brody    | May 2  |
| Marla Goldberg  | May 4  |
| Jodessa Bayer   | May 7  |
| Dave Wertlieb   | May 9  |
| Sarah Watnick   | May 13 |
| Sadie Gallagher | May 15 |
| Kevin Colton    | May 19 |
| Erica Bolotsky  | May 23 |

May Anniversaries

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Susie & Phil Berman           | May 6  |
| Philip Wolfson & Agnes Bertiz | May 26 |
| Brian & Andrea McKinnon       | May 30 |

***Zoom information for Shabbat Services***

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88306033879?pwd=dFMxWIBIY09SNUVqSzAycUp0RjZRdz09>

Meeting ID: 883 0603 3879

Passcode: 144071

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**Remember the sick, recovering and bereaved with cards, calls and visits.**

**Please say prayers of Refuah Sh'leimah for**

**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.***





MAY 2022

SIVAN/TAMUZ 5782

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                     | MONDAY                                                                                                        | TUESDAY                              | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                   | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                        | FRIDAY                           | SATURDAY                         |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----|
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2                                                                                                             | 3<br>7:00 PM<br>Temple Board Meeting | 4<br>12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom<br><br>Israeli Memorial Day<br><br>Yom HaZikaron | 5<br>Israeli Independence Day<br><br><br>Yom Ha'atzmaut                       | 6<br>7:00PM<br>Shabbat Services  | 7                                |    |
| 8<br>Religious School 9:00AM - Noon<br>Yom Hashoah activities<br><br>10:00AM<br>Sisterhood Meeting<br><br><br>Mother's Day | 9                                                                                                             | 10                                   | 11<br>12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom                                                                                                                                  | 12                                                                                                                                                              | 13<br>7:00PM<br>Shabbat Services | 14                               |    |
| 15<br>Religious School 9:00AM - Noon<br>Lag B'Omer/Israel Independence Day activities                                                                                                                      | 16                                                                                                            | 17                                   | 18<br>12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom                                                                                                                                  | 19<br><br><br>Lag BaOmer                                                     | 20<br>7:00PM<br>Shabbat Services | 21                               |    |
| Chai Times Submissions Due                                                                                                                                                                                 | 22<br>Religious School 9:00AM - Noon<br>Final Session!                                                        | 23                                   | 24                                                                                                                                                                          | 25<br>12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom<br><br>Book Club - 7:00PM<br><br> | 26                               | 27<br>7:00PM<br>Shabbat Services | 28 |
| 29                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 30<br><br><br>Memorial Day | 31                                   |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                  |                                  |    |

**Lunch With the Rabbi** - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. **Shabbat Services** - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.  
**Sunday, June 5 - 10:00 AM** - Sisterhood Meeting. **Sunday, June 5** - Shavuot (First Day) - **Tuesday, June 7 - 6:00 PM** - Yizkor - **Tuesday, June 14 - 7:00 PM** - Annual Membership Meeting. - **Wednesday, June 29 - 7:00PM** - Book Club.



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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.

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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 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Temple.

***All members are encouraged to attend.***  
**Nominated Slate of Officers for 2022—2023 Term**

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of Officers and Directors of Temple Beth Emet for the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 term:

|                        |                |                   |                |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>President:</b>      | Ira Goldstein  | <b>Directors:</b> | Dan Gura       |
| <b>Vice President:</b> | Ken Watnick    |                   | Mary Gura      |
| <b>Secretary:</b>      | Melissa Potter |                   | 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.