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# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

*"The Temple With A Heart"*

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**"The First Fruits of your land  
you shall bring to the House of  
the Lord your G-D." (Exodus  
23:19)**

In a few days it will be the holiday of Shavuoth, the giving of the Ten Commandments Mount Sinai. It also has an agricultural aspect to it because it is known as the time of the first fruits being brought to the Temple. Its name Shavuot means weeks because it is 7 weeks after Passover. The geomatria is fascinating as it is seven weeks, 7x7 days. Seven in Judaism always refers to new creation. Passover was the creation of a physically free people, The Ten Commandments elevates our people into a righteous behavior based free people. The first 7 days leading to the Exodus created physical Freedom. The next 7 sevens brought us Spiritual Freedom.

I know when I will be celebrating Shavuoth starting on Saturday Night, June 4 and ending with Yizkor on Monday, June 6 at 6, I will be reminded of all those creative things here at Temple this year. This is our first full year of In Temple services in 2 years, Friday night services, including You Tube and Zoom, as well as in Temple School classes.

This year our enrollment was up and we had

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**EVERY WEDNESDAY  
AT NOON**

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### SHABBAT SERVICE

Now livestreaming on our YouTube Channel

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMGJ-  
6nbjGVT157iUgKFBgQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMGJ-6nbjGVT157iUgKFBgQ)

Also on Zoom, see page 10

**Sisterhood Is On Hiatus  
For The Summer!**

### YIZKOR SERVICE

for Shavuot

Monday, June 6, 2022 - 6:00 PM

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 - 7:00 PM

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### BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, June 22, 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*  
Ken Watnick, *Vice President*  
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Olivia Goldstein 6 Hebrew  
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Robyn Kreisberg, Music

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### Ritual

Ira L. Goldstein

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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*

Call the Temple office at (818) 843-4787 to  
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## CHAI TIMES

**Chai Times** is the free, monthly  
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of Burbank available at  
[www.TempleBethEmet.com](http://www.TempleBethEmet.com).

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and feedback are encouraged and  
due by the 15th of the month and  
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students reregistering all year long. The fruits of the Teachers' labors was evident as several of our students are new to our community. Perhaps we could say that they are not totally new as some were named in our sanctuary as babies. More so, they are the children of our former Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. The seeds we planted years ago are being newly harvested. Alas, sometimes the seeds only bear fruit once, climate change, attitudes as well. But between last year and this, we will have 3 B'nai Mitzvah of second borns. This harvest only ends because there are no more seeds in those fields (families).

Speaking of education, for the first time, I know of, our Adult Education class was extended to six sessions, because we had more material to cover than five would allow. The students requested! Once again the seeds of scholarship bore more fruit than we expected!

As the People of the Book, we knew it would be a short time for the Book Club to be reinstituted. Reading is only half the fun. The discussions produce a hybrid fruit much more tasty than each contributing seed alone, a rainbow of ideas produces a galaxy of thoughts!

The holiday of Shavuoth, commemorates Spiritual Freedom matched with a harvest of first fruits. We at Beth Emet are doing that every day, planting the seeds of a Judaism that bears educated, enlightened, Spiritual nourishment, true fruits of our community's labors.

B'Ahava and Hag Sameach,

Rabbi Mark



# HAPPY SHAVUOT





### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - June 2022

On May 17, 2022, a few days after the supermarket mass shooting in Buffalo, New York, the *Los Angeles Times* printed a column by Mark Z. Barabak entitled *Day after Day of Gun Violence in America. Nothing Happens.*



Nothing changed after moviegoers were slaughtered in Aurora. Nothing changed after children were massacred in Newtown, after worshipers were killed inside a church in Charleston, after office workers were mowed down at a holiday party in San Bernardino.

I wrote those words in June 2017, after Republican members of Congress were attacked by a gunman on a softball field just outside the nation's capital.

Nothing changed.

Except, of course, there have been a great many more mass shootings, adding Atlanta; Orlando, Fla.; Las Vegas; El Paso; Pittsburgh; Boulder, Colo.; Parkland, Fla.; and many other cities, large and small, to the sanguinary toll.

Within a week Laguna Woods, California and Uvalde, Texas joined the tragic list.

Barabak continues his column by recounting a number of times he wrote on the subject of gun violence after shootings that grabbed the headlines and our national attention, only to fade from our consciousness as other events overtook them. In each instance it appeared that that was the terrible event that might finally spur action. Each time, he noted a lack of change or even a loosening of firearms safety laws.

In my August 2019 column in this publication I wrote:

In the past three years I've written five different columns dealing with mass shootings. These types of events have become so common in our country that it seems we are no longer surprised by them. We can be thankful at least that we still are stunned when they happen and feel the loss of the victims. We have not become so hard as a people as to accept these horrific acts as normal.

I am wondering if I was too generous in that last part. It seems that these senseless acts have become all too normal. Following the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in February 2018 I noted that "the news report was shocking yet sadly familiar. . . . Early reports, as they always are, were vague. . . . These stories all seem to unfold the same way." These stories also seem to keep coming. Each one takes its toll on us as a society. It would be so easy to throw our hands up and just stop even trying to change anything. Some people have done this.

Barabek concludes:

This is the last column on gun violence I intend to write for some time, maybe ever. What's the point? It's all repetition, and that repetition is maddening and sickening.

People die, horribly and needlessly, and the *status quo* abides.

You can be sure a great many more mass shootings will follow and the toll will keep

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## Temple Beth Emet Book Club



Conducted by Barbara Harmon.

Book Club was founded by Fran Bourne Johnson Z"L\*

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**Where:**

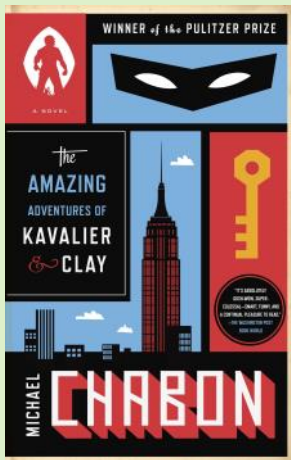
Blum Hall at Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

**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!



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growing ever higher. Barring a fundamental shift, Congress will fail to pass meaningful gun control legislation.

Nothing changes.

But Torah charges us, "Justice, justice thou shalt pursue." And Talmud reminds us "(d)o not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now, love mercy now, walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." So we cannot just stop talking about the problem of gun violence. We cannot say "nothing changes" and leave it at that.

I hope Mr. Barabek finds renewed strength to keep writing on the subject. I'm pretty sure he will. I get where he is coming from, though. I'm pretty damn tired of writing these kind of columns myself.

We need to cry for the victims of Uvalde. Then we need to dry our tears, gather ourselves, and find some way\* to break this awful cycle of violence.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President

\* Actions we might take include donating to causes advocating for gun safety legislation, voting for candidates that support such legislation, or participating in the nationwide March For Our Lives on June 11.

### 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.



**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 is going on hiatus until September. Have a great summer everyone!

***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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## JUNE Yahrzeits

NAME: REMEMBERED BY: DATE: NAME: REMEMBERED BY: DATE:

### At Temple June 3, 2022

David Solomon	Barbara Flasher	June 1
Bertha Yaras	Fran Bernstein	June 1
Susie Ferran	The Schaffer Family	June 1

### At Temple June 17, 2022 (continued)

Edward A. Goldsmith	Gary Goldsmith	June 18
Dorothy Copalowitz	The Congregation	June 18

### At Temple June 24, 2022

#### At Temple June 10, 2022

Selma Kaden	Ron Kaden	June 5
Joseph Frischman	William Frischman	June 6
Mollie Steinmetz	Susan Levin	June 7
Edith Liebgot	Howard Liebgot	June 7
Rabbi William Kramer	The Congregation	June 8
Sylvia Schuster	Linda Mazur	June 8
Maggie Montalbano	Bea Satmary	June 11

Stephen Kayser	Bennett Kayser	June 19
Belle Klivans	Barbara Klivans	June 21
Morris Feinsilber	Joyce Feinsilber	June 21
Aleck Hoffman	Jack & Linda Kranz	June 21
James Pollard	Cindy Adkins	June 23
Irwin Nord	Rabbi Mark Sobel	June 25
Henry Kapson	Pat & Bruce Bigley	June 25
Henry Kapson	Bob Bigley	June 25

#### At Temple June 17, 2022

Cecilia Feldman	Pamela Franklin	June 12
Samuel Polakoff	Fran Bernstein	June 15
Regina Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	June 16

#### At Temple July 1, 2022

Sidney J. Epstein	Adrienne Everakes	June 27
Charles Kayser	Bennett Kayser	June 29

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June Birthdays

Jon Goldstein	June 9
Robert Feldman	June 11
Aaron Werner	June 16
Neil Margolin	June 19
Rabbi Mark Sobel	June 22
Kyllo Sparks	June 30

June Anniversaries

Ron & Merry Dacher	June 1
Gerald & Harriet Winnick	June 1
Samantha & John Brody	June 16
Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	June 25

***Zoom information for Shabbat Services***

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88306033879?pwd=dFMxWlBIY09SNUVqSzAycUp0RjZRdz09>

Meeting ID: 883 0603 3879

Passcode: 144071

Dial in: +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)  
+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)





***Lunch With the Rabbi*** - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. ***Shabbat Services*** - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.  
***Wednesday, July 27 - 7:00PM*** - Book Club.



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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**