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# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

*"The Temple With A Heart"*

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**"The children of Israel without the Scroll is like a body without a soul!" (Original lyrics by Rabbi William Mordechai Kramer)**



On July 1 of this year it will be 36 years that I am an educator with Temple Beth Emet. In honor of double Chai, two lives, I want to tell you about Rabbi Kramer and myself. Rabbi William Mordechai Kramer was the Rabbi of our Temple from 1965 to 1996. He was a graduate of the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, a professor at Hebrew Union College and California State University, Northridge formerly San Fernando Valley State College.

CSUN is how Rabbi and I met. He was the professor of my girlfriend and knowing how much I loved Judaism and Israel, she took me to meet this larger than life RABBI. We went to Rabbi's house in West LA and spent the afternoon with him, schmoozing and laughing and being a part of Rabbi's world. At the end of the day, as he was walking us to our car, he said, "Mark, I can see you are a man of many interests!"

Later, my girlfriend said, "What do you think?"

I replied, "Frankly, I'm disappointed, he could have complimented me on my knowledge of Talmud or my understanding of Middle East Politics!!!!!"

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**EVERY WEDNESDAY  
AT NOON**

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

### SHABBAT SERVICE

Now livestreaming on our YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMGJ-6nbjGVT157IUgKFBgQ>

Also on Zoom, see page 11

### HOLLYWOOD BOWL

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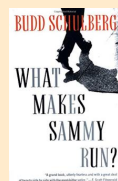
**WATCH YOUR EMAIL/LISTEN TO YOUR ONE CALL!**

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Shabbat Services - July 8, 2022 - 7:00 PM

### TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 12, 2022



### BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

7:00 PM

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### ARE YOUR DUES CURRENT?

Membership Dues are the main source of income for the Temple. We are currently reaching out to those members who appear now in arrears as we are experiencing significant financial challenges in meeting our monthly obligations and have had to defer needed maintenance to the Temple.



# 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*  
Eileen Martin, *Treasurer*  
Melissa Potter, *Secretary*

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Donna Diamond  
Barbara Harmon  
Herbert Murez  
Theida Salazar  
Felicia van Dyk

### 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*

Call the Temple office at (818) 843-4787 to  
contact Temple Staff/Volunteers.

Your message will be forwarded to the  
appropriate person.

## CHAI TIMES

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

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Temple Officers and Directors.**

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She answered me," Oh No, That is what people are saying about him. He just gave you the highest compliment!"

Out of that afternoon, I began to attend services at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Magnolia, the Home of our Temple until 1976. In fact, I was able to observe how Rabbi led the charge of cutting edge Judaism, but with a traditionalist edge, many times.

In fact, I was told on more than one occasion, that on the way to services the first Friday night, in 1965, Rabbi stopped off at Mt. Sinai Cemetery and picked up Yarmulkes for the men to wear. The then Tempe President resigned the next week.



Rabbi William M. Kramer Z"L

You see Rabbi Kramer graduated for the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, which, while officially

Reform, was much more traditional in outlook. When people call us a Reform Temple, I have to remind them that Rabbi for all his liberalness still maintained a love for tradition. He passed that ideology on to me. When my teachers ask me how to teach holidays, I tell them start with the traditional viewpoint and then explain to them what we do and why we do it.

Many of our students go on from here and join other communities that are more traditional than we are.

Rabbi Kramer may not have agreed with what certain groups of Jews do but he never turned his back on someone in need. He bailed many a JDL-er out of jail but if you asked him publicly about it he could deny doing anything of the sort.

He wanted Temple Beth Emet to be open and available to any who are in need. That is why, there are no steps to get into the sanctuary or the classrooms. Rabbi William Kramer, a man of many interests was a man with a degree in architecture. He had a student at CSUN who was a paraplegic. He wanted him to be able to come to services. His name was Michael and he did.

Rabbi taught me many things, some simple, some profound. Like "When you want children to be quiet, don't shoosh them, sing to them!" To this day, when I want to begin Kiddush at school, we all sing Shalom Aleichem and later, the Kiddush prayer. One helps calm them down the other subliminally teaches them one of the prayers for their Bar/ Bat Mitzvah. I have been reminded often that singing has always been a part of worship.

When I came in 1986 Rabbi made me an offer I could not refuse," If you rebuild the school and raise its numbers, I will convene a private Beit Din (Jewish Committee) and have you

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - July 2022



July 1 marks the beginning of a new term for your Board of Directors. I am grateful to the outgoing board for their service to our Temple and am happy to see many of them return for another year. This coming year we welcome two new members to the board. They are parents of Religious School students, Donna Diamond and Felicia Van Dyk,. This is very exciting and welcome as they will bring new ideas, perspectives, and energies. In order to make way for these new members two board members, Dan and Mary Gura, are leaving the board. I very much appreciate their service to the Temple in the past and look forward to their continued involvement and contribution.

A couple of weeks ago I filled in for Rabbi Mark at Shabbat services as he and Mina traveled to Cincinnati to visit their sons and grandchildren. The Torah portion that week was the same one as my Bar Mitzvah! It tells the story of the 12 scouts that Moses sent to scope out the Promised Land and report on what awaited out people. The scouts came back and reported that the land did indeed flow "with milk and honey," but 10 of the 12 concluded that we would not be able to defeat the current occupants and take the land. Two of the scouts, Caleb and Joshua, expressed that if we maintained our faith in God and planned properly we would be victorious.

At Shabbat services, I suggested that although the world today presented daunting challenges, we had the choice to be like the 10 scouts who basically were willing to give up, or the two who joined their faith with their determination and deliberation were convinced of the success of their objective.

As I begin another term as your Temple President I ask all of you to consider where we stand as a congregation. We face the familiar challenges of small membership and tight finances. We face the challenges of all religious institutions - the reduction of involvement in religious institutions in our society generally. But if the last two years have shown us anything, it had demonstrated our ability to persevere through challenging times. I believe if we have faith in God and in each other, if we put our heads and our hearts together, we can see our Temple Beth Emet community grow and thrive.

A couple of months ago I asked, "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." I'm happy to say that we have two new directors who had already expressed interest in joining the board. That is a great beginning. What we need, however, is for more of you to step up like Caleb and Joshua and say, "We can do this." We can do new things here at

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## 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

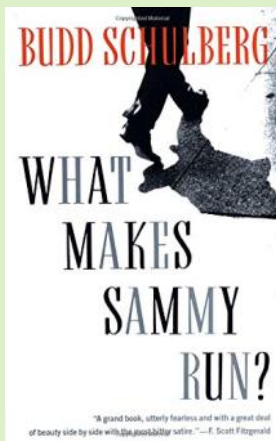
**When:**

**July 27, 2022 - 7:00PM to 8:30 PM** (Zoom coverage pending)

**What book will we be reading?**

***What Makes Sammy Run?*** By Budd Schulberg

### Synopsis



The classic book that shaped two generations' view of the movie business and introduced the archetypal Hollywood player Sammy Glick. He's got a machete mouth and a genius for double-cross. As Budd Schulberg—author of the screenplay *On the Waterfront*—follows Sammy's relentless upward progress, he creates a virtuoso study in character that manages to be hilariously appalling yet deeply compassionate.

Synopsis provided by Penguin Books.

*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.



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ordained in the Orthodox manner. Rabbi knew he was on strong ground as the Orthodox ordinations are made up of one orthodox rabbi approving the applicant. Rabbi had three other Rabbis with him. After I passed all my tests for ordination and was ordained in a beautiful ceremony, Rabbi called me aside and said, "You need to go study with Rabbi Zalman Schachet-Shalomi. While my ordination is good in Los Angeles where I am known, Rabbi Zalman is known nationally". What an act of humbleness and kindness on Rabbi Kramer's part!

I enrolled in Reb Zalman's program and was ordained a few years later. I have been blessed to have two such wonderful Teachers!

Rabbi and I didn't always agree on the direction of the Religious School or the Temple. Once, I told him, "You are the Rabbi, if there is a controversy and a difficult decision for me to make, what should I do?"

He said, immediately, "Ask me what I think and then go ahead and do what the Hell YOU think is right!!!!"

We call ourselves, the Temple with the Heart! Rabbi knew that I had come from a congregation which preached Hell, Fire and Brimstone. He reminded me that whenever I do a sermon, I must treat the congregation with love. The words, ideas and feelings must always be positive.

Rabbi Kramer was a man who walked the walk and talked the talk.

The first Friday night I was to preach was July 1, 1986. A little while before services I walked Rabbi Kramer, I knew his father had passed away that morning and I said to him, "Why are you here, I thought you would be home with Betty mourning!"

He answered, "Tonight, I need to be with the people who love me and whom I love."

Rabbi Kramer taught me many things that have contributed to my life, but, by far, the most important one is that if you love your congregation and they know it, they will return the love, double. For the double Chai you have given to Rabbi William Mordechai Kramer and to Rabbi Mark Harris Sobel, THANK YOU ALL!!!

B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark



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Temple Beth Emet, we can bring new people into our community, we can make our Temple thrive.

Walt Disney said, "If you can dream it, you can build it." He started small and eventually build his dream just down the street on Buena Vista. He kept dreaming and built something truly remarkable. The people who started Temple Beth Emet started small too, and eventually built their dream right here on Buena Vista. Let's keep dreaming, and growing, and keep our Temple With a Heart something truly remarkable.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President

### ***OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2022 - 2023***

PRESIDENT: Ira L. Goldstein

VICE PRESIDENT: Ken Watnick

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SECRETARY: Melissa Potter

#### DIRECTORS:

Donna Diamond Herbert Murez

Barbara Harmon Felicia van Dyk

Theida Salazar

*Join us for Installation Shabbat on July 8, 2022.*



**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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Joseph Frischman, remembered by William Frischman

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## IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS

Ruth Glick, remembered by Lois Jones

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## JULY Yahrzeits

Name:	Remembered by:	Date:	Name:	Remembered by:	Date:
<b>At Temple July 1, 2022</b>			<b>At Temple July 15, 2022 (Continued)</b>		
Sarah Solomon	Barbara Flasher	July 1	Dee Segall	The Congregation	July 14
Samuel Sillman	Lois Jones	July 2	Sylvia Aronson	The Congregation	July 15
			Leonard Kravetz	Iris Abrams	July 16
<b>At Temple July 8, 2022</b>			<b>At Temple July 22, 2022</b>		
Maxwell Somerfield	Ellie Somerfield	July 3			
Ruth Feinstein	Joel & Harriet Feinstein	July 4	Jesse Alexander	Adrienne Zahler	July 20
James Porter	David Gross	July 5			
Gustave Haberdell	Lila Tepper	July 5			
<b>At Temple July 15, 2022</b>			<b>At Temple July 29, 2022</b>		
Maria Elena Nudell	Mayer Nudell	July 7	Morris Rothman	Sara Faden	July 26
			Helen Tomskey	The Congregation	July 29
			Lynette Nord	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	July 30
Morris Lubow	The Congregation	July 12			
Barbara Ackerman	The Congregation	July 14			
Betty Marco	Jerry & Tzipy Dash	July 14	Sidney Karchmer	Sylvia Schuster & Linda Mazur	July 31
Barbara Golper	Peter & Tammy Golper	July 14	Helen Segal	Naomi Aronoff	August 1
			Abe Goldstein	Ira Goldstein & Diane Lewis-Goldstein	August 1

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



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### July Birthdays

Alan Langer	July 3
Irene Bobrowsky	July 4
Joel Lava	July 4
Sarah Lava	July 5
Finn Lava	July 6
Tracy Martin	July 15
Ezra Bergstein	July 21
Philip Wolfson	July 25

### July Anniversaries

Dan Werner & Flora Werner-Mendoza	July 20
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### ***Zoom information for Shabbat Services***

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 883 0603 3879

Passcode: 144071



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JULY 2022

SIVAN/TAMUZ 5782

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 7:00PM Shabbat Services	2
3	4  Independence Day	5	6 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	7	8 7:00PM Shabbat Services Installation of Officers and Directors	9
10	11	12 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	13 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	14	15 7:00PM Shabbat Services  <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	16
17	18	19	20 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	21	22 7:00PM Shabbat Services	23
24	25	26	27 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom  7:00PM Book Club 	28	29 7:00PM Shabbat Services	30
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**Lunch With the Rabbi** - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. **Shabbat Services** - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.  
**Tuesday, August 9 - 7:00 PM** - Temple Board Meeting. **Wednesday, August 27 - 7:00PM** - Book Club.  
**Temple Open House** - Dates To Be Determined



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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**