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# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

*"The Temple With A Heart"*

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**"It is a tree of life to them that hold fast to it and all its supporters are happy."**

**"Its ways are ways of pleasantness and all its paths are peace." (Torah Prayer)**



The other day, I was thinking about Sukkot and this song and how much the Torah is likened to a tree.

Why a tree? Maybe because on a primal level trees bear fruit, which makes them nutritious like the Torah which gives us spiritual nutrition.

But I think there are deeper reasons why. The parts of a tree start with the roots. We as a people are so proud of our history. Where we started, where we have gone. Like a tree, we take in the nutrients through our roots to give us life. How much 'life' to we have because of what our ancestors did in the Land of Israel, Europe, Asia and here in the US. The Jewish people have grown and been strong because of our past. But it is as important to build a good present as a good past. We Jews have a strong Bark, no pun intended. When someone tries to cut us down, they find that we stay strong because we know that our community is protecting the present as it creates the future.

Of course the future of our People's living Tree are the branches.

And the more branches, the more beautiful the shade, the more beautiful the shade, the more beautiful the fruit. The more beautiful the fruit (discussion) the more beautiful the tree.

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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 10)

### HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES:

#### YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday October 4 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday October 5 - 10:00 AM

(Afternoon Service/Yizkor/Neilah starts 2:30 PM)

**Please note: Masks required indoors for High Holiday Services**

**Make your High Holiday Pledge online now!  
See our website.**

### TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 - 7:00 PM  
(Zoom link on our website)

### SHABBAT IN THE SUKKAH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022 - 7:00 PM

### SIMCHAT TORAH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

6:45 PM - Yizkor (Last Day of Sukkot)

7:00 PM - Simchat Torah Celebration  
(See Page 8)

### BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 - 7:00 PM

**Mr. Perfect on Paper - by Jean Meltzer**  
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# TEMPLE BETH EMET (HOUSE OF TRUTH) ORGANIZATION

## Religious Leadership

Rabbi Mark H. Sobel  
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\*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

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### 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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appropriate person.

## CHAI TIMES

**Chai Times** is the free, monthly  
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of Burbank available at  
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due by the 15th of the month and  
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on how we can better serve our  
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That is why the Jewish people have always advocated unlimited discussion. The Talmud, the great books of Jewish law gave both the majority opinion and the minority opinion. The honesty of those Scholars coming at a time when Europe was going through the dark ages always makes me smile. Judaism even in its worst times did not seek to keep our people illiterate and ignorant.

The leaders sought ideas to do Judaism. The fruit of their learning was the building of a people full of creativity. Mixing Sephard and Askenaz was like a fruit tree makes a nectarine from a peach and an apricot.

But how do we take the Biblical roots, the Talmudic trunk and the modern branches of Judaism and make our lives showing reverence for the past and the present as we look to build the future for our children. The seeds we have planted will someday grow. But how will they grow? Will they be nourished as we were or will other forces stunt their growth?

The writers of the Tanak and the Talmud saw trees as representing us and how we should act towards one another. When you feed someone spiritually you help them grow and hopefully the fruit that comes from their thankfulness is sweet and gives you nutrition back.

We must always remember that people protect us. Like a tree, another person gives you shade from the harshness of the elements.

Now the beauty of people is not in the sameness but in the differences. Like a tree, the more people travel in their own ways the better society comes.

It is not by accident that we are to put natural branches called "schock" on the roofs of our sukkot. People will tell you that is so we can see the sun when it is time to go and harvest or the moon to find our way in the darkness.

The roof of branches is really there so that we look up to the natural vegetation and know how important to our lives is being honest, truthful and natural.

The word tree appears in the TaNaK 145 times. In Hebrew that corresponds to the Hebrew word, KAMAH, 'she grew.

Let us grow like the trees with strong roots, a robust trunk and many beautiful branches. For then the Future of Judaism will continue to bear fruit for all of people kind.

B'ahava,

Rabbi Mark







### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - October 2022

This month I ask your indulgence to allow me to share something very personal. On September 10 my oldest brother, Donald Goldstein, passed away from the effects Type 1 Diabetes. He was diagnosed at 18 and was 74 when he passed. He led a full, productive, and successful life by any measure.



I am youngest of three brothers, Don, Bob, and me. We often referred to ourselves as “the Three Amigos.” I would like to share some thoughts about my big brother Don.

Don was an obedient son to our parents. When he was little and the family was staying at a hotel with an elevator, our father became concerned about Don getting caught in the doors. He told Don, “Now when the doors open, you hurry and run right out.” Don did exactly as he was told. The doors opened, he ran right out. Unfortunately, it was the wrong floor and the doors closed with our parents inside the cab. Presumably they were reunited.

Don was resourceful and quick-thinking too. When he was older he went to work to help our father in our sewing machine and vacuum cleaner concession in a discount store. Money was always tight and our father filled out the shelf of used vacuum cleaners for sale with some that had no motors in them. Don was demonstrating one of them to a customer and had inadvertently chosen one without a motor. The customer exclaimed, “It’s so quiet!” Recovering, Don said “Yes! But let me show you one with better suction!”

Our parents were proud when Don started college, something neither one of them were able to do. He started at UCLA, then went to Crown College, a new residential college at UC Santa Cruz. When he graduated our family went to the ceremony. I thought the campus was so beautiful that I made the decision to go there too, and I did. I met my wife, Diane there, so I have Don to thank for that.

After Don’s sophomore year at Santa Cruz he had the opportunity to study a year in Israel, where he met Sheila. They fell in love and got married after Don finished at Santa Cruz the following year.

Don then went to Harvard and one summer I got to visit him and Sheila. Don took me to many of the historic sites in the area, a couple of wonderful restaurants, and let me help him cross-check some references in the library for his dissertation using the card catalog, now a lost art.

Don loved his family and took great pride and satisfaction in them. His wife Sheila is a saint. His daughter Debbie and son Ari are brilliant professionals. Their spouses Steve and Allison are the most wonderful people, real gems. His grandchildren Avery, Hannah, and Hugo, are the smartest kids in the world. You could just ask him and he would tell you so, and support his assertion with specific examples. At length!

Don always knew that his diabetes would likely limit his lifespan, but he refused to let it limit his life. He took to heart the words of Psalm 90:12 “So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.” Don’s intellectual appetite included intelligence, energy policy, and cyber-security, which he put to use in his professional work to keep our

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## October Birthdays

Joseph Tanner	October 1
Miranda Goldstein	October 3
Isabel Frischman	October 6
William Frischman	October 7
Theida Salazar	October 15
Robin Klein Plesh	October 16
Flora Werner-Mendoza	October 16
Quinn Alexander Margolin-Moultrie	October 22
Lynda Feldman	October 24
Leona Zollman	October 25
Sarra Lerner	October 26
Ethan Cohen	October 29
Oliva Goldstein	October 30

We do not have a record of any anniversaries this month.



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*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.

***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.**

**Please join us. Dues are only \$15 per year. Please fill out this form, 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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***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

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country safe and secure. He didn't discuss the particulars of his trade, but rather employed the line, "I could tell you what I do, but then I'd have to kill you." His intellect also let him to investigate the intricacies of Talmudic Judaism, which he found very satisfying. Don was one of the smartest men you could ever know. And again, you could just ask him and he would tell you so. But you didn't have to ask, you knew.

Losing my brother Don leaves a great emptiness in my soul and in the soul of all who knew him, but we can fill that space with his love of faith, of country, and most of all, of family.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



"The Three Amigos." Ira, Don, and Bob.



## 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:**

**October 26, 2022 - 7:00PM to 8:30 PM at Temple and on Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88422348913?pwd=V1QrY1ZYV05VYzdNejJoK0VCcHUxZz09>

Meeting ID: 884 2234 8913 Passcode: 388498

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**What book will we be reading?**

***Mr. Perfect on Paper: A Novel* By Jean Meltzer**

### Synopsis

From the author of *The Matzah Ball* comes a pitch-perfect romcom following a third-generation Jewish matchmaker who unwittingly finds her own search for love thrust into the spotlight...

The perfect Jewish husband should be:

**A doctor or lawyer (preferably a doctor)\**

**Baggage-free (no previous marriages, no children)**

**And of course—he *must* be Jewish**

As the creator and CEO of the popular Jewish dating app J-Mate, matchmaker Dara Rabinowitz knows the formula for lasting love—at least, for everyone else. When it comes to her own love life, she's been idling indefinitely. Until her beloved bubbe shares Dara's checklist for "The Perfect Jewish Husband" on national television and charming news anchor Chris Steadfast proposes they turn Dara's search into must-see TV.

As a non-Jewish single dad, Chris doesn't check any of Dara's boxes. But her hunt for Mr. Perfect is the ratings boost his show desperately needs. If only Chris could ignore his own pesky attraction to Dara—a task much easier said than done when Dara starts questioning if "perfect on paper" can compete with how hard she's falling for Chris...

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.



## Yahrzeit Donations

*Eileen Martin in memory of Herman Schaeffer*

*Herbert Murez in memory of Joe Murez*

*Howard Liebgot in memory of Michael Liebgot*

*Howard Liebgot in memory of Linnie Cannon*

*Robert & LaVerne Cohen in memory of Bernard Cohen*

*Peter Golper in memory of Miriam Golper*



### **SHABBAT IN THE SUKKAH!**

**October 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM**  
*Worship under the stars and shake the lulav!*



## **SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION!**

**Monday, October 17, 2022**

We complete the reading of our Torah and begin a new reading cycle. We'll march around the Temple singing and waving flags, and unroll the scroll around the whole congregation.



## **SPEND THE EVENING AT TEMPLE BETH EMET AS WE CONCLUDE THE HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON!**

**6:45 PM** - Sukkot Yizkor service for those who need to say Kaddish.

**7:00 PM** - Simchat Torah Celebration begins!





## **ADULT EDUCATION SERIES 2022-2023**

*Presented by RABBI MARK H. SOBEL*



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**NOVEMBER 8, 2022 - KABBALISTS VERSES RATIONALISTS**

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PROGENY**

*All sessions begin at 7:00 PM—Open to the public.  
There is no charge for this series, donations accepted.  
Also available via ZOOM, meeting information on our website.*



## October Yahrzeits

Name:	Remembered by:	Date:	Name:	Remembered by:	Date:
<b>At Temple October 7, 2022</b>			<b>At Temple October 21, 2022</b>		
Msgr Martin Keating	The Congregation	October 1	Alan Shear	Phyllis Shear	October 18
Vaughn Verdi	Barry & Vicenta Verdi	October 6	Solomon Friedberg	Pamela Franklin	October 19
<b>At Temple October 14, 2022</b>			Nosrat Hakakha	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	October 20
Anne Mundon	Cheryl Mundon	October 9	Millie Epstein	Jerry & Adrienne Everakes	October 21
Nan Gold	The Congregation	October 10	Daria Grosberg	Samantha & Mitchell Blank	October 21
Joe Murez	Herb Murez	October 10	Fanny Rosenberg	The Congregation	October 22
Nosrat Hakakha	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	October 10	Mary Reinhart	The Congregation	October 22
Conor Lynch	Neil & Vicki Margolin	October 11	<b>At Temple October 28, 2022</b>		
Zeke Manners	Susie Manners	October 11	Samuel Sopasnik	Judith Antelman & Marlene Flowers	October 23
Joseph Schanzer	Lisa Gilman	October 11	Larry Weinfeld	Brad Weinfeld	October 24
Aaron Kleinman	Matt Kleinman	October 19	William Aronoff	Naomi Aronoff	October 24
Irma Karchmer	Linda Mazur	October 12	Eva Resnick	Fred & Margaret Bayer	October 26
Rabbi Albert Shulman	The Congregation	October 12	Herman Shaffer	Felice McDaniel	October 26
Stephen Merrill	The Congregation	October 14	Dora Bigley	Bruce & Pat Bigley	October 27
Sarah Solomon	The Congregation	October 14	Dora Bigley	Robert Bigley	October 27
Blanche Kranz	Jack & Linda Kranz	October 14	Bernard Cohen	Robert & LaVerne Cohen	October 27
Ida Freemel	The Congregation	October 15	Aaron Kleiman	Matt & Renee Kleinman	October 29
Berthold Kleinberg	The Congregation	October 15	Aaron Kleinman	Matt Kleinman	October 29
Robert Charofsky	Mr. & Mrs. Don Spielvogel	October 15			

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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.

Information on Planned Giving can also be found on our website at:

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## Zoom Information for Shabbat Services

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 883 0603 3879

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# OCTOBER 2022 TISHRAI / HESHVAN 5782

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> <b>Religious School</b> <b>9:00 AM - Noon</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> <b>Yom Kippur Evening</b> <b>Service (Kol Nidre)</b> 	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Yom Kippur Services</b> <b>2:30 PM Afternoon</b> <b>services/ Yizkor/</b> <b>Neilah</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Religious School</b> <b>9:00 AM - Noon</b> <b>Sukkot Breakfast</b>  <b>Erev Sullot</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>Sukkot I</b>	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Temple Board</b> <b>Meeting</b>  <b>Sukkot II</b>	<b>12</b> <b>12:00 - Lunch with the</b> <b>Rabbi on Zoom</b>  <b>Sukkot III</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>Sukkot IV</b>	<b>14</b> <b>7:00PM</b> <b>Shabbat Services in</b> <b>the Sukkah</b>  <b>Sukkot V</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>Sukkot VI</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Religious School</b> <b>9:00 AM - Noon</b> <b>Simhat Torah</b> 	<b>17</b> <b>6:45 PM - Yizkor</b> <b>7:00 PM - Simchat</b> <b>Torah</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>12:00 - Lunch with the</b> <b>Rabbi on Zoom</b>	<b>20</b> <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	<b>21</b> <b>7:00PM</b> <b>Shabbat Services</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>No Religious</b> <b>School</b> <b>(Post HH Break)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>12:00 - Lunch with the</b> <b>Rabbi on Zoom</b> <b>7:00 PM - Book Club</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>7:00PM</b> <b>Shabbat Services</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>Religious School</b> <b>9:00 AM - Noon</b>	<b>31</b> 					

COMING IN NOVEMBER: **Lunch With the Rabbi** - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. **Shabbat Services** - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.  
- Tuesday, November 1 - 7:00 PM - Board Meeting - **Sunday, November 6** - Daylight Savings Time Ends - **Tuesday, November 8** Election  
Day, 7:00 PM - Adult Education - **Wednesday, November 30** - 7:00 PM - Book Club



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