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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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**"In matters of sanctity we promote we don't decrease".
(Talmud Shabbat 21b)**

"I will also make you a light for the peoples... to the ends of the earth." (Isiah 49:6)



I remember this time of year for many reasons and for seeing many sights. One of my fondest memories is driving down my Grandmother's street in Flushing, Queens, and counting the different houses with candles in the windows. We knew the houses by the number of candles in the windows. Nine for us and five for our Italian neighbors. Now probably that street has candelabras of seven candles representing Kwanzaa. Hanukkah is known as the Festival of Lights, Christmas has the story of the North Star guiding the three wise men. As far as I know, Kwanzaa and its positive message for African-American young people is to help them foster a stronger identity.

So it was for us in the 1960's. Hanukkah was an afterthought until the Civil Rights movement. Then young Jewish activists who were helping others in the civil rights struggle, saw that we had a holiday near Christmas that represented what parents wanted for their Jewish children. Identity with something authentic. No more 'Chanukah Bushes', but Hanukkah menorahs. No more one great day of presents but eight days of presents. No more wondering what happened in Judaism from the end of the Tanakh

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EVERY WEDNESDAY AT NOON
<http://www.templebethemet.com/home/upcoming-events/zoom-weekly-events/>

SHABBAT SERVICE - 7:00 PM
Also streaming on our YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMGJ-6nbjGVT157iUgKFBqQ>
(Also on Zoom, see page 3)

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 6, 2022 - 7:00 PM
(Zoom link on our website)



**SISTERHOOD HANUKKAH
BOUTIQUE SALE**
DECEMBER 11, 2022
12:00 Noon - 2:30 PM
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2022-23 ADULT EDUCATION SERIES
Judaism Prophecy and Practice:
From the Bones of Ezekiel to the Flesh of the Leper
Session 2: - Tzadakah Tazil Memavet (tzadakah saves from death,) the Judah the Prince case
December 13, 2022 - 7:00 PM
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TEMPLE HANUKKAH CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PROGRAM - 11:15 AM
CANDLE LIGHTING AT BURBANK TOWN CENTER - 6:00 PM
TEMPLE CELEBRATION - 7:00 PM
CANDLE LIGHTING, SINGING, AND MORE.



BOOK CLUB
Wednesday, December 28, 2022 - 7:00 PM
Sheila Levine is Dead and Living in New York, By Gail Parent
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TEMPLE BETH EMET (HOUSE OF TRUTH) ORGANIZATION

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Rabbi Mark H. Sobel
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Robyn Kreisberg

Rabbi Emeritus William M. Kramer Z"L*
*His memory will always be a blessing
to us.

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

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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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on how we can better serve our
members, please call the office or
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(Torah, N'Vi'im and Ketuvim), until the Talmud but Jewish lively history from Alexander the Great to Mattathias the Hasmonean and his son Judah the Maccabee!

The first recorded war for religious freedom. And the rebels, our rebels, were successful.

Then why in all the carnage is Hanukkah called the festival of lights? Because we are commanded to put the menorah in a place that the outside world can see it. Truly, years ago, I thought that freedom was an American gift to Jews. Freedom to display our victory. Freedom to show off our menorah in the window.

"G-d, I love America", I would say. Then I read that the action of putting the Menorah in the window is really 2,000 years old. What a pleasant, **no exhilarating**, surprise! My only hope is that our neighbors are as proud of their heritage as we are of ours.

Therefore, let the Festival of Lights give us the energy to enlighten others about the power of heritage, of ancestry, of timelessness.

Further, let us bring light to those think they have no history, no heritage, no ancestors, no one as role models. Let us use Mattathias' words, "All who are for G-d and the covenant follow me". Then we, the originators of the covenant, will bring others who lack the ancestral covenant to be with us and follow us. And each time we light a candle for Hanukkah let us rededicate ourselves to bring pride of heritage to all we met and know.

Not just for pride of ancestral home, but pride in self. Hillel was right! Matters of sanctity must be promoted. And there is nothing more sacred than helping someone realize their value. We, the descendants of the Maccabees, must defend those who have been struck down by the hammers of prejudice, racism, sexism and the other 'isms' that steal identities and make humans invisible! We must not let their shields be broken! We must purify their 'temple', their bodies, and their souls, so all see their worth. Then and only then can we wish for a true Festival of Light for all!

B'ahava and Hag Sameach,

Rabbi Mark

Zoom Information for Shabbat Services

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88306033879?
pwd=dFMxWIBIY09SNUVqSzAycUp0RjZRdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88306033879?pwd=dFMxWIBIY09SNUVqSzAycUp0RjZRdz09)

Meeting ID: 883 0603 3879

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - December 2022



I have to admit, I'm not really a cheese pizza fan. I prefer a combination of toppings, many of which cannot be mentioned in the publication of a Jewish religious institution. But I had some really good cheese pizza recently. It wasn't from one of the big pizza chains, but it was from a major seller of fresh-baked pies -- Costco. Yes, Costco is one of the largest pizza chains in the United States. And while you may not get a choice of thick or thin crust, pan or hand-tossed, it is one of the few pizza spots you can pick up a jumbo package of paper towels or a dozen croissants.

The particular cheese pizza that greatly impressed me was served in our own Blum Hall and marked the return of Pizza Night after an absence of more than two years. One of our newest members of the Board of Directors, Felicia Van Dyk, along with our very active Religious School Parents Association members felt it was high time (Chai Time?) to bring back this beloved monthly event, which brings together our Temple family prior to Shabbat services.

Pizza Night kicks off a month of resurgent activity at Temple Beth Emet. On Sunday, December 11, from Noon to 2:30 PM, our Sisterhood brings back their Hanukkah Boutique, featuring Judaica from the Sisterhood Gift Shop and vendors selling jewelry and unique Miss Fortunes funny fortune cookies including both Hanukkah and Christmas themed creations. The sale will also feature some collectable die-cast NASCAR cars and collectables, as well as a bake sale.

On December 18 our Religious School will be holding their Hanukkah celebration with a special talent performance at 11:30 AM, and everyone is welcome. That evening we will be holding a brief Hanukkiyah lighting at the Burbank Town Center at 6:00 PM (yet another returning activity) before returning back to Temple at 7:00 PM for an outdoor celebration featuring lighting out giant Hanukkiyah, singing, and an appearance by our own Adult Choir.

This month's activities are big steps toward restoring our Temple as our community center for social and religious activities. It is Hanukkah, which means "dedication," and we are finally and fully re-dedicating ourselves as an active house of gathering, worship, and study.

While we are mindful of the recent increase in COVID-19 cases locally, as well as the "triple-demic" of COVID-19, flu, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) being reported, it appears that with proper precaution, including vaccination and mask wearing indoors, we feel comfortable bringing back some of the activities we have had to forego the past couple of years. If there is anything in particular you have been missing, or if you have any ideas for something new we can do together, please let us know. Ralph is in the

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Temple office Monday through Thursday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and you can always leave a message or email.

Wishing each and every one of you a very Happy Hanukkah and a wonderful 2023.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



MEMBER CHAI LIGHTS

December Birthdays

Dan Werner	December 3
Nicole Wolfson	December 5
Alan Cohen	December 7
Rachel Razankova	December 16
Ira Goldstein	December 18
Max Weisman	December 18
Robert Bigley	December 21
Iris Abrams	December 22
Diane Lewis-Goldstein	December 22
Rowan Epstein	December 26
Vivian May	December 28
Roni Razankova	December 29

December Anniversaries

Bonnie & Stuart Friedman	December 8
Marc & Cindy Becker	December 19
David & Leona Zollman	December 20



Yum! Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale Benefiting Temple Beth Emet and TBE Religious School



- Place orders on Sunday 12/4 and 12/11
- Doughnut pick-up on 12/11 and 12/18
- \$15.00 per dozen
- Doughnuts will be available at 11:30 am on pick-up dates at Temple Beth Emet
- Cash and/or Checks made payable to Temple Beth Emet
- To order, please connect with a Religious School Parent or Felicia at 818-398-9077
- Delicious way to support our Temple!



HANUKKAH BEGINS THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 18 - CELEBRATE WITH TBE

11:30 AM - RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AT TEMPLE

6:00 PM - HANUKKIYAH LIGHTING AT BURBANK TOWN CENTER

7:00 PM - CANDLE LIGHTING, SINGING, ADULT CHOIR AND MORE AT TEMPLE



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

We are excitedly looking forward to our Hanukkah Boutique Sale on December 11th, from 12 noon until 2:30 p.m. We will have lots of Judaica from our gift store, a jewelry table and homemade (mostly) goodies for sale. There will also be NASCAR collectable cars and memorabilia and funny "Miss Fortune" cookies. Please shop our sale! We also are looking forward to all the Hanukkah events on December 18. It should be lots of fun!

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. 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.

NAME _____

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TEMPLE BETH EMET OF BURBANK
SISTERHOOD



HANUKKAH BOUTIQUE SALE

DECEMBER 11, 2022

12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

TEMPLE BETH EMET OF BURBANK
600 N. BUENA VISTA STREET, BURBANK, CA

Judaica! Jewelry!



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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:

December 28, 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

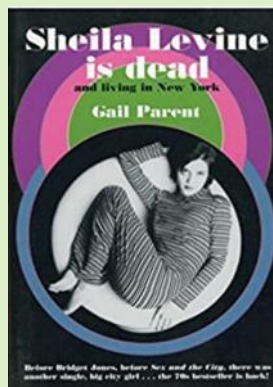
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What book will we be reading?

***Sheila Levine is Dead and Living in New York* By Gail Parent**

Synopsis



Sheila Levine is thirty, over-weight, over-sexed and unmarried...Sheila Levine is getting a divorce from life! Sheila Levine is Dead and Living in New York is the most achingly funny suicide note ever written by a marriage-mad manhunter trying, unsuccessfully, to straddle two worlds: the one she's been programmed for since birth - marriage first, life later - and the illusive swinging singles scene of "liberated" New York. You'll laugh at her. You'll cry for her. You'll recognize her at once... There's a little bit of Sheila Levine in every woman. (Synopsis from AbeBooks.)

Book is available from Amazon and others in both print and e-book formats.

N95 masks will be available if needed.



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IN THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE AT NEWPORT BY EMMA LAZARUS

*Here, where the noises of the busy town,
The ocean's plunge and roar can enter not,
We stand and gaze around with tearful awe,
And muse upon the consecrated spot.
No signs of life are here: the very prayers
Inscribed around are in a language dead;
The light of the "perpetual lamp" is spent
That an undying radiance was to shed.
What prayers were in this temple offered up,
Wrung from sad hearts that knew no joy on earth,
By these lone exiles of a thousand years,
From the fair sunrise land that gave them birth!*



ADULT EDUCATION SERIES 2022-2023

Presented by RABBI MARK H. SOBEL



JUDAISM PROPHECY AND PRACTICE:

FROM THE BONES OF EZEKIEL TO THE FLESH OF THE LEPER

DECEMBER 13, 2022 - TZADAKAH TAZIL MEMAVET (TZEDAKAH SAVES FROM DEATH,)

THE JUDAH THE PRINCE CASE

**JANUARY 10, 2023 - PEKUACH NEFESH - HOW TO SAVE A SOUL (LIFE)
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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.*



DECEMBER YAHREZITS

Name:	Remembered by:	Date:	Name:	Remembered by:	Date:
At Temple December 2, 2022			At Temple December 16, 2022 (Continued)		
Alan Matays	Gail Arce	December 1	Joyce Nathan	Leslie Nathan & Michael Heiss	December 14
Harriet Modler	Peter Modler	December 1	Joseph Steinmetz	Susan Levin	December 15
Barbara Glatzer	Flo Mazzei	December 1	Shari Altman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	December 17
At Temple December 9, 2022			At Temple December 23, 2022		
Judith Kravetz	Iris Abrams	December 4	Soloman Murez	Herbert Murez	December 18
Peter Monico	Rabbi Mark Sobel	December 5	Fred Friedman	Bonnie & Stuart Friedman	December 18
Goldie Gelbart	Diane Linger	December 5	Sam Marcus	Ellie Somerfield	December 19
Leo Peckman	The Congregation	December 6	Edith Russell	Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Becker	December 20
Fanny Sillman	Lois Jones	December 6	Louis Kanefsky	Marsha Cohen	December 21
Norm Goodman	The Congregation	December 7	Samuel J. Teller	Elaine Rubidoux	December 21
Meir Zollman	David & Leona Zollman	December 7	At Temple December 30, 2022		
Annie Swedlove	Herbert Murez	December 8	Anne Abramson	Shirley Abramson	December 24
Ida Polakoff	Fran Bernstein	December 8	Ray Beck	Scott & Camille Beck	December 25
Golda Meir	The Congregation	December 8	Sybil Factor	The Congregation	December 25
Harold Greene	Suzanne Marks	December 9	Bessie Dash	Jerry & Tzipy Dash	December 27
Sylvia Rabin	The Congregation	December 10	Raja Tepper	Henry Tepper	December 27
Marty Feldman	Pamela Franklin	December 10	Sadie Weitzman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	December 27
Josie Rowe	Allan Rowe	December 10	Donald A. Zahler	The Congregation	December 27
At Temple December 16, 2022			Avraham Marco	Jerry & Tzipy Dash	December 31
Sharon Shuman	Barri Bucknam	December 11	Carol Pastor	The Congregation	December 31
Milton Sobel	Rabbi Mark Sobel	December 13	At Temple January 6, 2023		
Szerena Weber	Bea Satmary	December 14	Albert Lassofo	Marva & Peter Felchlin	January 2

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

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



COMING IN JANUARY: *Lunch With the Rabbi* - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. *Shababt Services* - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.
Tuesday, January 3 - 7:00 PM - Board Meeting - Tuesday, January 10 - 7:00 PM - Adult Education -
Wednesday, January 25 - 7:00 PM - 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