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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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"It is based on logical reasoning that one life is not preferable to another," (BT Sanhedrin 74a-b)



I remember when February was important for many things, but especially because we were off from school for George Washington's and Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Today, America has compressed these two birthdays into one general Presidents' Day. When I thought about that at first I was piqued. From our prospective, Presidents Washington and Lincoln will forever hold a special place in the hearts of our community, from Washington's letter to the congregation of Newport, "May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid", and Lincoln's rescinding of the infamous Order 11 issued by General later President Ulysses S. Grant during the Civil War! Please don't think there were no other U.S. Presidents who helped our people, but there were others who were ambivalent or even anti-Jewish in their sentiments. So why honor all of them?

Last month, I was watching one of the network news programs and they had a segment called, "important people who have died this week." Truly, these last 2 months have been particularly sad for me with the death of friends, relatives, a

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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-6nbjGVT157iUgKFBgQ>

(Also on Zoom, see page 3)

PIZZA NIGHT IS BACK!

Tuesday, February 3, 2023 - 6:00 PM

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 - 7:00 PM

(Zoom link on our website)

2022-23 ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

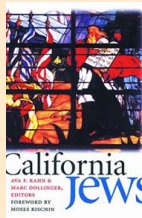
Judaism Prophecy and Practice:

From the Bones of Ezekiel to the Flesh of the Leper

Session 4: - Elijah's Fiery Chariot: Do We really Die?

February 14, 2023 - 7:00 PM

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BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 - 7:00 PM

California Jews, Ava Fran Kahn, Marc Dollinger (Editors)

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TEMPLE BETH EMET (HOUSE OF TRUTH) ORGANIZATION

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

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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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Your message will be forwarded to the
appropriate person.

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on how we can better serve our
members, please call the office or
email us at:

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cousin and an 'aunt' who took care of my sister and myself when we were young children.

All people who have passed away are important. We must remember them all. Their physical love, their spiritual love and their unique love.

Judaism feels the same way! It makes sure that no one is forgotten. After we 'bury' the deceased, a full week of mourning takes place. We are not to go to work, but stay home and think about the person and relate stories about them. And as people are not one dimensional, we are to tell about the WHOLE person, including foibles and faux pas. Then after the week is over, we are permitted to go back to work, but no clicking of one's heels. After a month, we can return to normal activities, with one exception. We are supposed to say mourner's Kaddish every day for 11 months. Judaism cares so much that the deceased be remembered, that if you cannot say Kaddish, you have someone else do it.

After a year has passed, we have a Memorial service, the vernacular is 'unveiling', because we 'unveil' the head stone. Mourning does not end; we just try to harness our energies into remembering our lost ones.

Every year on the anniversary of the person's passing, we recite their name. At Temple we have a list and I am proud to recite the names at Friday Night services.

I am further proud of our Temple because the Board agreed to have us all recite the Mourner's Kaddish at services because, unfortunately, some people do not have anyone saying Kaddish for them. Let us be proud, our Board was giving a spiritual and verbal Valentine to even those we have lost, whom we do not know.

So, thank you, Temple Beth Emet, for being, "The Temple with a Heart" that beats for all!

B'ahava,

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

Passcode: 144071

Dial in: (669) 900 6833 US (San Jose)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - February 2023

Being genuine in a community is crucial for building trust and fostering strong relationships. When people are genuine, they are authentic and transparent in their interactions with others, which helps to build a sense of mutual respect and understanding.



Firstly, genuine individuals are more likely to be seen as trustworthy by others. This is because they are not hiding their true intentions or emotions, and they are consistently acting in ways that align with their beliefs and values. This level of transparency helps to build trust and confidence among members of the community.

Secondly, being genuine also helps to promote open and honest communication. When people are not afraid to be themselves and to share their true thoughts and feelings, it creates a more positive and collaborative atmosphere. This type of open and honest communication allows for more productive and respectful discussions, as well as a more efficient resolution of conflicts.

Thirdly, being genuine helps to create a sense of belonging and unity within the community. When people are being themselves and not putting on a front, it creates a more inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone. This type of community is more likely to be supportive and accepting of individual differences, which helps to foster a strong sense of unity.

In conclusion, being genuine is crucial for building strong and trusting relationships within a community. It promotes trust, open communication, and a sense of belonging, which are all essential components of a thriving and vibrant community. By being genuine, individuals are not only helping themselves but also contributing to the overall health and well-being of the community.

One more thing I'd like you to know. What you have just read is not actually genuine. It was all generated by Chat GPT, an artificial intelligence computer system that takes a few key terms and writes whatever sort of essay you ask it to do. None of the above is the result of any authentic independent thought on my part. It doesn't even sound like something I would right, does it?

It is easy to expound of the value of being genuine in a community. A machine can do it. What may be more difficult and more challenging is for each of us, as members of a community such as our Temple Beth Emet, to embody the values suggested in this computer-generated essay. We have developed amazing technology that can retrieve, synthesize, organize, and present a vision of virtuous interpersonal relationships. But only we humans can live that vision!

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President





February Birthdays

Pat Bigley February 1

Evan Robert Feldman February 12

Stuart Friedman February 14

Aleesa F Aronoff February 15

Marlene Bobrowsky February 20

Aiden Solomons February 23

Demetri Buss February 25

Camryn Bigley February 27

We have no record of anniversaries in February.



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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

Well, the Sisterhood just came off a triumphant Hanukkah Boutique. We sold a lot of our Judaica and our vendors sold Hanukkah joke fortune cookies and jewelry and pottery. And...best of all, thanks to a great idea and coordination by Felicia Van Dyk we sold lots of Krispy Kreme donuts. I want to thank everyone who worked at the Boutique and who showed up to support this first event in a very long time. We are very proud of our Boutique and we did well financially. We are looking forward to another event in the Spring. We are planning a Book Sale so everyone start saving your books.

We are the People of the Book, so let's prove it in the Spring. Any kinds of books are acceptable, children's books to murder mystery.

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.

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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:

February 22, 2023 - 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

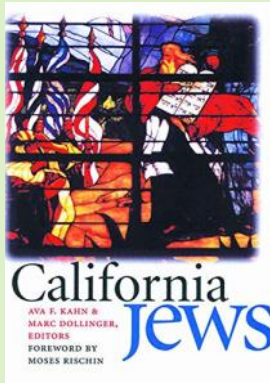
Dial in Phone Numbers:

(669) 900-6833 US (San Jose) (346) 248-7799 US (Houston)

What book will we be reading?

California Jews, Ava Fran Kahn, Marc Dollinger (Editors)

Synopsis:



The nation's thirty-first state emerged early as one of its most diverse as people immigrated to the west. California's indigenous tribes were forced off their lands first by Spanish settlers, then by the arrival of gold miners from every corner of the world.

Because of its Catholic missionary history, Gold Rush California did not experience a more exclusive eastern-style Protestantism. This permitted more rapid and inclusive acculturation.

California Jews, unlike their eastern counterparts whose arrival often followed that of European Protestants, were often among the first settlers to establish a west coast community. Jewish immigrants to California took advantage of its physical environment, ethnic diversity, and cultural distinctiveness to fashion a form of Judaism unique in the American experience.

California Jews enjoyed unprecedented access to political power a generation earlier than their New York counterparts. They thrived in the multicultural mix, redefining the classic black-white racial binary by forging relations with a variety of religious and ethnic groups in both San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Synopsis courtesy of Amazon.

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

N95 masks will be available if needed.



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, July 2, 2023, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Temple Beth Emet of Burbank
600 Buena Vista Street, Burbank, CA 91505



I was born July 2, 1923 and it will be the one hundredth anniversary of my birth. While I am not a friend of ceremonies, my family feels that the occasion should be observed. Accordingly, we plan on a reception at my temple which is Temple Beth Emet of Burbank, as noted above. We plan on light refreshments including non-alcoholic beverages (You need to drive there and back) and we will ask Rabbi Sobel to bless me and all those who attend and wish me well for my further life's journey.

NO GIFTS PLEASE! If you are so inclined, feel free to make a donation to the temple. It will indeed be a good deed (and tax deductible too)!

Temple Beth Emet is an institution close to my heart. It is not a large congregation, nor is it a wealthy one. The social hall is comfortable, but not ornate. There is no ostentation. My late wife Freda and I found a sense of community there in its very simple focus on what we feel really matters. Rabbi Sobel as its spiritual guide promotes and reinforces this focus. I am also indebted to the late Sylvia Sutton, then the Temple Secretary and general doer of good deeds. Through her, I met Hilda Fogelson who became my very best friend; she and her family make my otherwise lonely life fulfilling and enjoyable.

When we get closer to the occasion, a further invitation will go out with an RSVP to let us know who will come and how many there will be in your party. My daughter-in-law Karen Grenier is the mistress of ceremonies and she will see to it that the occasion is dignified and enjoyable.

If someone does not get the further invitation, it is due to slip-ups and my general unfamiliarity with the digital medium. I am a digital Neandertaler, having grown up with a manual typewriter, and carbon paper and onionskin for copies.

HERBERT MUREZ



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

FEBRUARY 14, 2023 - *ELIJAH'S FIERY CHARIOT: DO WE REALLY DIE?*

MARCH 14, 2023 - *THE FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER, THE GOLEM'S 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.



Yahrzeit Donations

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Betty Canter in memory of Lena, Maurice and Sol Rosenthal; Rebecca and Miriam Layafsky

Herbert Murez in memory of Ida Kushner (March 13)

Myra Sloves in memory of Alan Sloves; James Sloves (April 29); Shawn Sloves (May 5)

Marcia Jackman in memory of Alfred Jackman

Fred Kubik in memory of Tena Kubik

Herb Murez in memory of Freda Muroz

Eileen Martin in memory of Rosalind Avrashow

Flora and Dan Werner in memory of Susan Werner



FEBRUARY YAHREZITS

NAME:	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:	NAME:	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:
At Temple February 3, 2023			At Temple February 17, 2023		
Adam Caleb Dash	Jerry & Tzipy Dash	February 1	Dr. Anne Esau	The Congregation	February 12
Beatrice Miliman	Debbie Zelman	February 1	Mary Beth Naythons	David Naythons	February 13
Ilse Korant Schindlbe	The Congregation	February 1	June Beck	The Congregation	February 14
Lillian Schredder	Bonnie & Stuart Friedman	February 1	Helen Louise Naythons	David Naythons	February 15
Amelia Kapson	Bruce & Pat Bigley	February 3	Alan Sloves	Myra Sloves	February 15
Stella Pollack	The Congregation	February 4	Jim Harmon	Barbara Harmon	February 16
			Lillian Schredder	Bonnie Friedman	February 17
At Temple February 10, 2023			At Temple February 24, 2023		
Freida Slavin	Lois Jones	February 6			
Lee Segal	Naomi Aronoff	February 7	Dick Fishman	Scott Fishman	February 19
Alfred Jackman	Marcia Jackman	February 7	Susan L. Merrill	The Congregation	February 20
Florence Hoffman	Jack & Linda Kranz	February 10	Howard Segal	Naomi Aronoff	February 24
			Hyman Adelstein	Ilysha Buss	February 25
			At Temple Marh 3, 2023		
			Ida Kushner	Herbert Murez	February 27
			Irving Schredder	Bonnie Friedman	March 3

CREATE A LASTING LEGACY

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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:

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



FEBRUARY 2023 SH'VAT/ADAR 5783

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	2	3 6:00 PM Pizza Night 7:00PM Shabbat Services 	4
5 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon	6  Tu'BShvat	7 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	8 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	9	10 7:00PM Shabbat Services	11
12 Religious School 9:00 AM - Noon	13	14 7:00 PM Adult Education  Valentine's Day	15 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom <div>Chai Times Submissions Due</div>	16	17 7:00PM Shabbat Services	18 2:30 PM Sofia Diamond Bat Mitzvah
19 No Religious School Presidents' Day Holiday	20  Presidents' Day	21	22 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 7:00 PM - Book Club 	23	24 7:00PM Shabbat Services	25
26	27	28				

COMING IN MARCH: Lunch With the Rabbi - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. Shabbat Services - Every Friday at 7:00 PM. Friday, March 3 - 6:00 PM - Pizza Night - Saturday, March 4 - Temple Purim Celebration (Details to Follow) - Tuesday, March 7 - 7:00 PM - Board Meeting Tuesday, March 14 - 7:00 PM - Adult Education - Wednesday, March 22 - 7:00 PM - Book Club



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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