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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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"If you do not help us, our help will come from someplace else" (Mordechai to Esther)



The Purim Story is well known to us but recently, the above sentence resonates with me on a wholly different level.

Last month, a valuable piece of equipment was "missing" from the Sanctuary. We looked for it and looked, but I guess the tripod used its legs to walk out of the Sanctuary.

The worst part was that we discovered it was missing right before Friday Night Services. We had visions of telling our Zoom regulars that due to technical difficulties, the Friday Night Services would be a radio program care of WTBE radio. Seriously, I was feeling really sad about the situation.

I announced our problem to the congregation and they were very compassionate. Immediately, Bunny Jackman spoke up, privately, I might add, she likes to have her actions speak for themselves, and offered to pay for a new camera and tripod.

At about the same time, Olivia Goldstein, who in addition to being one of our Religious School Teachers does the Technical task of transmitting and monitoring our Service from the Sanctuary, had an idea. Turn the computer around and make use of its own camera. Looking at the Friday Night Service on You Tube after Shabbat while at home, I realized that the audio and video fidelity was even better than before.

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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!

Tuesday, March 3, 2023 - 6:00 PM

PURIM CELEBRATIONS

Our multilingual Megillah Reading

Saturday, March 4 - 7:00 PM

Religious School Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 5 - 10:30 AM - Noon

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 - 7:00 PM

(Zoom link on our website)

2022-23 ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

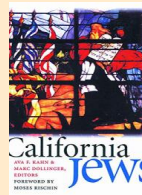
Judaism Prophecy and Practice:

From the Bones of Ezekiel to the Flesh of the Leper

Session 5: -March 14, 2023 - 7:00 PM

The Frankenstein Monster, the Golem's Progeny

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BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 - 7:00 PM

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

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 12

Remember to "spring forward"!



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.

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Monday - Thursday - 9:30 AM to 12:30 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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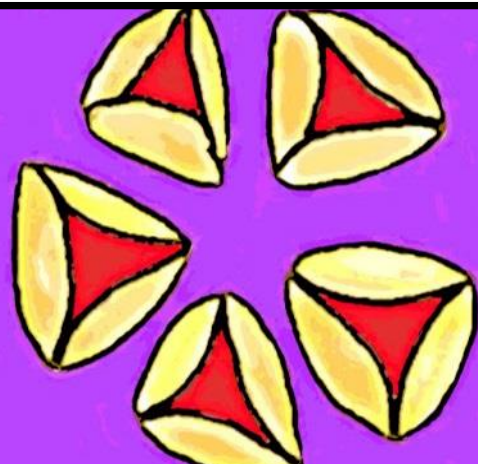
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on how we can better serve our
members, please call the office or
email us at:

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The phrase of Mordechai to Esther, "Our help will come from someplace else", was one to get her to act. We did not have to guilt either of those two ladies with words of dire consequences. Truly, for some of our congregants not having the experience of Shabbat at home is dire.

The Purim Story ends with Queen Esther speaking up about Haman, Boo, Boo! and rescuing our people. Our two ladies didn't hesitate to speak for fellow Jews. One spoke creatively and one financially, both boldly.

Purim is a holiday that looks negatively upon hidden things, Esther hid her Jewish identity from King Achashverosh, her real name was Hadassah, Haman, his insecurity about Mordechai's proud act, when Mordechai would not bow down to him; when he claimed we all did not obey the laws of Shushan.

Let us hope the 'old' camera assembly will come out of hiding and join us.

In the meantime we are proud the women of our congregation consistently stepping forward with actions and donations of time and energy that keep us alive as did Queen Esther so many generations ago!(Hint: The Sisterhood is having a book sale soon!)

So, when we celebrate Purim this year and perform the tradition of Shalah Manot, giving of a portion, let us take some of our time and energy to give the gift of greeting them with Happy Purim!

B'ahava and Hag Purim Sameach,

Rabbi Mark

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: (669) 900 6833 US (San Jose)(408) 638 0968 US (San Jose)





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - March 2023

One of the most important things I have learned in my tenure on the Board of Directors is that you never know when the next great idea will happen. Almost always it comes from a member of community during a casual conversation. One such great idea just happened during a Pizza Night before our monthly family Shabbat service.



We were munching on pizza and salad when Tracy Martin asked Rabbi Mark about doing a blessing over the animals. You could see the faces of the other pet parents at the table light up at the suggestion. Our Catholic neighbors commemorate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi every October 4. Saint Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of the animals, and thus it is an appropriate time for a ceremony to bless the animals.

Rabbi Mark explained that in the Jewish tradition, the time recognized for a blessing of the animals is right after the High Holidays around the time Parashat Noach, the Torah portion recounting the story of Noah, is read. He also explained that in Genesis Adonai creates the animals, then has Adam take charge of them.



As Rabbi Mark explained, after Abraham sent his servant Eliezer to find a wife for Isaac, Eliezer came upon a well where a young woman, Rebecca, was drawing water. Asking for a drink of the water, the Rebecca made sure that Eliezer's camels also had water to drink. Seeing her caring and kindness toward the animals, Eliezer knew he had found the right wife for Isaac.

We then discussed doing a blessing of the animals on a Sunday during Religious School. We even set the date: October 22. We have several months to work out the details, but now, thanks to a member of our family raising a question, Temple Beth Emet has a new activity for ourselves and to share in our greater Burbank community. As a bonus, we also had an impromptu Jewish Studies session.

You never know when the next great idea will happen, but great ideas such as holding a blessing of the animals on a Sunday at Temple only occur when we come together, and that requires that we all participate in Temple life. Sometimes an idea comes to someone fully formed, and the reaction of those gathered gives validation and momentum to the idea. Sometimes ideas required the collaboration of the group to mature. Whatever the process, when we come together at Temple to pray, to learn, to celebrate a festival, or to share a meal, there is a synergy that produces something that is greater than could be done by each of us separately.

We have all heard the proverb "It takes a village to raise a child". Well, it takes a village to make a village as well! And it takes members of our Temple family coming together to make a vibrant and living Temple community.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



March Birthdays

Jack McKinnon	March 6
Logan Bigley	March 7
Samantha Solomons	March 7
Nikole White	March 10
Jessica Berger	March 11
Cheyenne Goldfarb	March 16
Lucas Franklin	March 26
Charles Langer	March 28

We are unaware of any March anniversaries



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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

We are still working on our upcoming Book Sale, so keep going through your library for book to donate. In the meantime, the Sisterhood has been active and involved in Temple activities. For example, we were happy to pay for the bounce house for the Religious School Purim Carnival. We understand it was very popular!



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:

March 29, 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

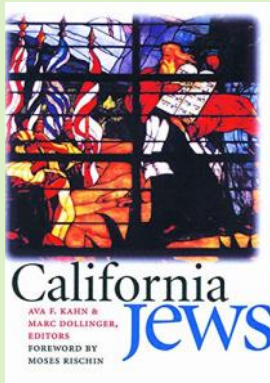
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What book will we be reading?

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

FINAL SESSION:

MARCH 14, 2023 - THE FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER, THE GOLEM'S PROGENY

Session begins 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.



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YAHREZITS - HONORING THE MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

MARCH YAHREZITS

NAME:	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:	NAME:	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:
At Temple March 3, 2023			At Temple March 17, 2023 (Continued)		
Frederick Molenky	Rabbi Mark Sobel	March 1	Melvin Gordon	Stacy Rivera	March 13
Gene Adelstein	Ilysha Buss	March 1	Jim Moore	Gail Arce	March 14
Rabbi David Hoffman	Robyn Kreisberg	March 1	Anna Klevinson	Congregation	March 14
Maurice Flasher	Barbara Flasher	March 1	Avrum Hirsh Hutter	Robyn Kreisberg	March 15
Florence Frischman	William Frischman	March 2	Gertrude Weinfeld	Brad Weinfeld	March 15
Herman Everakes	Jerry Everakes	March 3	Harold Potter	Warren Potter	March 17
Barney Kaufman	Barry Kaufman	March 3	Samuel Greenberg	Elaine Fishman	March 17
Albert Aaron Anderle	Bonnie Bunyik	March 3	Jose Villareal	Vicenta Verdi	March 17
Irving Schredder	Bonnie Friedman	March 3			
Sam Levin	Estelle Becker	March 4	At Temple March 24, 2023		
Viola Krone	Gerald & Harriett Winnick	March 4	Esther Block Epstein	Bruce Epstein	March 19
			Joseph H. Klivans	Barbara Klivans	March 19
			Jay Berger	Dave Berger	March 20
At Temple March 10, 2023			Donald Jacob	Phyllis Shear	March 20
Ruth Levin	James Levin	March 5	Jeno Friedman	Judy Robins	March 21
Rose Barton	Jamie Barton	March 5	Jim Moore	Barbara Moore	March 23
Hyman Fishman	Trudi Schoolhouse	March 5	Morris Swedlove	Herbert Murez	March 24
Bertha S. Flamholtz	Barbara Snitzer	March 6	Frank Genereux	Beverly Genereux	March 25
David Cohen	Deb Cohen	March 7	Saul Kaufman	Barry Kaufman	March 25
David J. Maydeck	Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Maydeck	March 8	Ruth Bibicoff	Martin Bibicoff	March 25
Alfred Friedman	Neal Friedman	March 8			
Nancy Colton	Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Colton	March 9			
Shirlee Ehrlich	Barbara Snitzer	March 9	At Temple April 3, 2023		
Sarah Libidinsky	Schaffer Family	March 11	Esther Friedman	Judy Robins	March 26
			Louis Weicensang	Linda Mazur	March 28
At Temple March 17, 2023			Roy Dietz	Terry Goldwater	March 29
Morris Gold	The Congregation	March 12	Leonard Goldfarb	Margaret Goldfarb	March 29
Kasey Maxwell Brown	Dennis C. Brown	March 12	Craig Weisman	Diane Weisman	March 29
Howard Segal	Naomi Aronoff	March 13	Cinda Wallacn	Deb S. Cohen	March 15
David Cohen	Deb Cohen	March 12			
Melvin Gordon	Stacy Rivera	March 13			

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

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



MARCH 2023 ADAR /NISSAN 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 7:00 PM Temple Meghillah Reading 
5 9:00 AM - Noon Religious School 	6	7 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting  Purim	8 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	9	10 7:00PM Shabbat Services	11
12 9:00 AM - Noon Religious School 	13	14 7:00 PM Adult Education	15 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 	16	17 7:00PM Shabbat Services	18
19 9:00 AM - Noon Religious School	20 	21	22 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	23	24 7:00PM Shabbat Services	25
26 9:00 AM - Noon Religious School	27	28	29 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 7:00 PM - Book Club 	30	31 7:00PM Shabbat Services	

Coming in April: **Lunch With the Rabbi** - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom. **Shabbat Services** - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.
Sunday, April 2 - Religious School Seder - **Tuesday, April 4** - 7:00 PM - Board Meeting - **April 5** - Passover begins at sundown
Friday, April 14 - 6:00 PM - Pizza Night - **Wednesday- Wednesday, April 26** - 7:00 PM - Book Club



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Contact the Temple Office at: 818 843-4787