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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank
"The Temple With A Heart"

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**Baruk ata Adonai
eleohainu melek haolam,
shehecheyanu v'kiyamanu
v'hegeyanu lazman hazeh**
(Blessed are you Lord our G-d,
King of the Universe who has
given us life allowed us to
grow and to arrive at this occasion



A few short days ago it was the First Day of Spring. Spring a time of new birth. This year we have seen more rain than I can remember. It has even led to certain congregations saying the winter rain prayer silently, so the rain would stop. Seriously, someone needs to tell Californians to learn how to drive in wet weather. The Freeways are not race tracks, they are conduits for people going to work or family transportation.

However, when I walk with Mina in the mornings, I am amazed at how people's lawns look. The flowers, the grass, even the weeds are either green or the natural bright colors they should be. Brown has been replaced by red, yellow, purple, etc. The fragrances are here also. All in all, it is a testimony to the wonders of G-d's creation, when it all comes together. Even if we don't think of G-D, the Eternal, when viewing the plant kingdom, let us think of the plants themselves. Their shapes, the complexities of their growth, their variety all remind us of the wonder of Botany.

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EVERY WEDNESDAY AT NOON

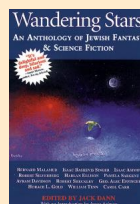
<http://www.templebethemet.com/home/upcoming-events/zoom-weekly-events/>

SHABBAT SERVICE - 7:00 PM
Also streaming on our YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMGJ-6nbjGVT157iUgKFBgQ>
(Also on Zoom, see page 3)

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 4, 2023 - 7:00 PM
(Zoom link on our website)

PASSOVER YIZKOR SERVICE
Thursday, April 13, 2023 - 6:00 PM

PIZZA NIGHT!
Friday, April 14, 2023 - 6:00 PM
(A week later than usual due to Passover)



BOOK CLUB
This Month: Wandering Stars,
An Anthology of Jewish Fantasy and
Science Fiction, Jack Dann (Editor)
Wednesday, April 26, 2023 - 7:00 PM
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Robyn Kreisberg

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*His memory will always be a blessing to us.

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Temple Beth Emet Office Hours

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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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.

Mailed hardcopies are available for an annual TBE donation payable through the Office.

Editable article submissions, photos and feedback are encouraged and due by the 15th of the month and may be emailed to:

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office@Templebethemet.com



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This month, being our minds and bodies go to the holiday of Pesach and its theme of Freedom, we are reminded that vegetables, bushes, fruit trees and lawns don't grow by themselves. We have to feed them, nurture them, and tend to them so they can be free to be what they are.

Now, though, the bright colors of the trees, the bushes, the flowers all give us, through our senses, a new sense of our freedom, the freedom to see, smell and feel, where during the drought we could not because the plants were not growing. We now know there is mutual cooperation between the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom, us, and the divine Kingdom, G-D.

I have many Haggadoth for Passover including ones in Spanish, Russian and Arabic (from North Africa), but one of my most interesting ones comes from a Kibbutz in Israel. What makes this one so interesting is that it very seldom mentions G-d! The Seder in the Kibbutz revolves around the Spring Harvest. This is not unusual, since all the major Jewish Pilgrimage festivals, where people would journey to Jerusalem, Sukkoth, Pesach and Shavuot had major agricultural aspects. Sukkoth was the Fall harvest, Pesach the Barley harvest and Shavuot the Wheat harvest. I have found a way that you can show your new found plant –human mutual sense of freedom:

This year at your Seders while you are praying, pray this prayer, too:
Baruch atah Adonay Elohaynu melech haolam shelo chasar b'olamo klum u'bara bo b'riyot tovot v'elanot tovim l'hanot bahem b'nay adam.

ברוך אתה ה' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁלֹּא חָסַר בְּעוֹלָמוֹ כְּלוּם וּבָרָא בּוֹ בְרִיּוֹת טוֹבוֹת

וְאֵילָנוֹת טוֹבוֹת לְהַנּוֹת בְּהֵם בְּנֵי אָדָם.

Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, Who has made nothing lacking in His world, and created in it goodly creatures and goodly trees to give mankind pleasure.

Be thinking of the bushes, flowers and trees that have so enriched our life.

And as you recite the traditional Passover greeting, “May you have a *Zissen Pesach*”, remember the sweetness of the living trees (*Etz Hayyim*) in our life!
B'ahava and Hag Sameach,

Rabbi Mark

Zoom Information for Shabbat Services

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 883 0603 3879

Passcode: 144071

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

(408) 638 0968 US (San Jose)





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - April 2023



It was a particularly cold and wet winter this year. The wet weather continued as spring began. This has resulted in our area receiving more than twice the average amount of rainfall, thankfully driving out the suborn drought of the past several years. This may be the reason for the vigorous growth I see in my yard. The roses are exploding with new growth. Although the flowers have yet to bloom a multitude of buds are forming. The lemon and orange are covered in flowers. The irises and lavender are in full bloom. It is really magnificent and inspiring.

Spring is a wonderful time of new growth and reawakening. And just as it is happening in gardens all over it is happening here at Temple Beth Emet. Three years ago spring was abruptly cut short by the pandemic. A year later we resumed in-person worship and the following fall we returned to in-person High Holiday services and religious school instruction. We did observe certain safeguards and modifications. Last year we also resumed our Book Club. Two years after the "great interruption" we are continuing our reawakening. We have recently reinstated some traditional and important elements to our Shabbat services. Since reinstating in-person services Rabbi Mark has held the Torah in the front of the sanctuary and invited us to raise the fringes of our tallit or our prayer books as we recited the *Shema*. We have restored the *hakafah*, the Torah procession. For the past two years those in active mourning or observing a *yahrzeit* have been asked to recite the *Kaddish* from their seats. We have returned to the practice of inviting mourners to come forward to the Ark to recite *Kaddish* and to take a blessing from the Torah. Lastly, we once again invite our children to come forward at the end of the service to have Rabbi bless them.

The resumption of these important elements of our service are doing much to make Shabbat services at Temple Beth Emet feel more like, well, Shabbat services at Temple Beth Emet. We look forward to returning the *Kiddish* to Blum Hall and eventually restoring some form of a real *Oneg Shabbat*. For the latter, we really do need some volunteers to help out.

Adding back the *hakafah*, the coming forward of mourners, and the blessing of the children are all signs of reawakening. But there is also new growth. Recently Jennifer Larkin joined our Temple family. She has not only been attending Shabbat services, she had participated in our Adult Education classes and Book Club, and has even been a substitute in our Religious School. Now she has offered her professional experience to become our new Public Relations and Social Media Manager. She had already begun to reinvigorate our Facebook page and will be looking at renovating our web page. If any of you can contribute to these efforts, please let us know and we will get you together with Jennifer.

All of these things are exciting and encouraging, and they remind me that I need to do something I have not yet done -- Thank you, everyone, who has sustained our Temple Beth Emet through these past years of challenge and turmoil. Rabbi, Robyn, David Goldstein, Miranda and Olivia Goldstein, our Religious School faculty, and our officers and directors have done a tremendous job of keeping our Temple programs intact and operating, but without YOUR participation and support our efforts would have been meaningless. We can all take great pride in our Temple community, and with God's blessing, even greater things are to come!

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



April Birthdays

Cooper Brody	April 3
Samantha Gura	April 6
David Zollman	April 7
Alex Gordon	April 8
Barbara Harmon	April 9
Martha Sousa	April 9
Marlene Dreyfuss	April 16
Eileen Martin	April 16
Philip Davis	April 21
Sophia Dorfman	April 24
Robin Faerber	April 24
Owen Gersh	April 25
Isaac Flores	April 27
Charlie Constantine	April 28

April Anniversaries

Deb S. Cohen & Bryna P. Schreier	April 8
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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

Our Book Sale is set for Sunday, May 7, 2023, during Religious School (9:00 AM to Noon or maybe later). We will have books of all sorts as well as other media, and our Gift Shop will be open. We are taking donations, so clear off your book shelves, and then shop the sale to fill them up again!



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: April 26, 2023 - 7:00PM to 8:30 PM at Temple and on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88422348913?pwd=V1OrYlZYV05VYzdNejJoK0VCcHUxZz09>

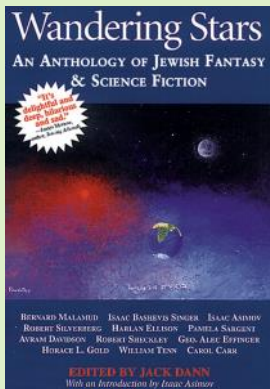
Meeting ID: 884 2234 8913 Passcode: 388498

Dial in Phone Numbers:

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

What book will we be reading?

Wandering Stars: An Anthology of Jewish Fantasy and Science Fiction, Jack Dann (Editor)



Synopsis:

Jewish Science Fiction and Fantasy? Yes!

Wandering Stars is the landmark collection of Jewish science fiction and fantasy. The first of its kind, it is an established and enduring classic.

This is the first time in a science fiction collection that the Jewish People—and the richness of their themes and particular points of view—appear without a mask. Wandering Stars is a showpiece of Jewish wit, culture, and lore, of the blend of humor and sadness, cynicism, and faith. In these pages you'll find superlative tales of fantasy and science fiction by masters. 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



Yahrzeit Donations

Lois Jones, in memory of Charles E. Jones, Jr.

Mary Manocchia, in memory of John Manocchia

Susan Fields, in memory of Arthur Fields and Milton Eliasoff

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Avrum Hirsch Hutter*

Adam Glick, Matt Gordon, and David Gordon, in memory of Ruth Glick



APRIL YAHRZEITS

Name:	Remembered By:	Date:	Name:	Remembered By:	Date:
At Temple April 7, 2023			At Temple April 21, 2023		
Phyllis Mehlman	The Congregation	April 1	Anna Osbaum	Marjorie Jacobs	April 16
Margot Palmer	Marlene Dreyfuss	April 1	Paz Montalvo	Jodessa Bayer	April 17
Matilda Bayer	Fred & Margaret Bayer	April 2	Sonja Murez	Herbert Murez	April 17
Charles Jones	Lois Jones	April 2	Jan Burns	James P. Small	April 18
Anne Goldstein	Ira Goldstein & Diane Lewis-Goldstein	April 5	Doris Linger	Diane Linger	April 19
Edith Lapidus	Barry & Vicenta Verdi	April 5	Elisa Gallay	The Congregation	April 19
Philip Levinson	The Congregation	April 6	Alvin M. Toffel	Dorothy Matzkin	April 19
Hanne Elaine Basskin	The Congregation	April 7	Mario Guzman	Lila Tepper	April 20
			Arthur Fields	Susan Fields	April 20
			Joseph Friedman	The Congregation	April 20
			Anthony Mendez	Elizabeth Postal	April 21
		April 9	Suzanne Galland	Pamela Franklin	April 21
William Saunders	James P. Small	April 10	John Manocchia	The Congregation	April 22
David Levinson	The Congregation	April 11			
Rachel Gil	Fred & Margaret Bayer	April 11			
Roberto Rachilewski	Silvia Berger	April 11	At Temple April 28, 2023		
Fannie Zimmer	The Congregation	April 12	Al Canter	Betty Canter & Gail Arce	April 23
Jeremy Kranz	Linda Kranz	April 15	Miriam Dubinsky	Bennett & Peggy Kayser	April 23
Stanley Altman	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	April 15	Miriam Grunner	Shirley Abramson	April 25
			Esther Shagan Klein	Cheryl Mundon	April 26
			Lucy Rafaeli	The Congregation	April 26
			James Sloves	Myra Sloves	April 29
			At Temple May 5, 2023		
			Sheila Altman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	April 30

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Planned Giving is a wonderful and loving way to ensure the legacy of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank and future generations. Planned Giving can be as simple as a bequest or a more complex financial arrangement which can provide many options and possible tax deductions for the donor.

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/>



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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