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Chai Times

Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

"The Temple With A Heart"

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"The friend of my friend is my friend, the friend of my enemy is my enemy, the enemy of my enemy is my friend" - Socrates

Last month, I received an email from Gloria Salas, of the Burbank Human Relations Council asking if I would represent the Burbank Jewish Community and receive the proclamation naming April 18 the official date for The Days of Remembrance of the Holocaust in Burbank at the April 11 city Council meeting. I, of course, agreed. Then, she said that the ceremony would be in conjunction with the Armenian community receiving a proclamation naming April 24th as the official day of Recognition of the Armenian Genocide.

Normally, we have our own 'event' at the City Council meeting, so I was curious why both communities were being honored together.

It seems that there had been several anti-Armenian flyers posted in Glendale supposedly authored by Jews with the signature "Rabbi" and the BHRC wanted a joint acceptance where our two communities would speak in unity.

At the Council meeting, Mr. Sarkis Simonian, co-chairman of the Armenian National Committee and I spoke together:

In light of the anti-Armenian fliers that have recently appeared in the Cities of Glendale and Beverly Hills and the anti-Semitic flyers that have appeared in Burbank, it is the responsibility of us all to take a stand by overpowering hate, one act of common decency at a time.

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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)

2023 DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 - 7:00 PM

A community commemoration of the Holocaust presented by the Burbank Human Relations Council

First Christian Church of Burbank
221 South Sixth Street, Burbank, CA

PIZZA NIGHT!

Friday, May 5, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Pizza, Salad, Drink - \$5 (adults)

Please RSVP to the Temple Office

SISTERHOOD BOOK SALE

Sunday, May 7, 2023

9:00 AM to Noon

Books - Judaica - Media - More

TEMPLE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 - 7:00 PM

(Zoom link on our website)

ROSH HODESH SIVAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE AT BTEE

Thursday, May 18, 2023 - 7:00 PM

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Happen to
Good People

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BOOK CLUB

**When Bad Things Happen to
Good People by Harold
Kushner**

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 - 7:00 PM

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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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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*

Call the Temple office at (818) 843-4787 to contact Temple Staff/Volunteers.

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:

chaitimes@TempleBethEmet.com or delivered to the Temple office. Submissions will be published based on space available, relevant content, and at the discretion of the Editor, Temple Officers and Directors.

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Happy Mother's Day

If you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can better serve our members, please call the office or email us at:

office@Templebethemet.com



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As two ancient peoples with rich histories, the Armenian and Jewish communities share a common bond of resilience and strength in the face of extreme adversity. Our peoples have both experienced tremendous hardships and tragedies throughout our respective histories, but we have also demonstrated incredible resilience and determination in overcoming them.

We stand together as allies and friends, committed to building a brighter future for all people. We understand the importance of recognizing and honoring each other's struggles.

Let us continue to work together to promote understanding, justice, tolerance, and peace between all communities.

May our shared values of perseverance and hope guide us in our efforts towards a better future for all".

Since that night of unity for our two communities, I have seen the 'Glendale' flyer. If you want to see it, please contact me. It is not here because but I don't want the Chai Times to be a vehicle for free publicity for hate.

But, I want to give some background to why, I believe, the flyer says what it says. Since the Azerbaijani-Armenian war of 2021, where Israel supported Azerbaijan, there has been a great deal of sensitivity and, even hurt, on the part of the Armenian community.

We supporters of Israel here in the US are caught in the middle between the Armenian disappointment and Israeli foreign policy. Israel has had a policy of encircling its adversaries since the 1960's. It was the cornerstone of the policy that led to its positive relations with Kenya, Ethiopia, and, until 1976, Uganda. Azerbaijan is a Muslim country that borders Iran along with Georgia, the UAE and Bahrain. Azerbaijan has a large presence of Israeli troops, overtly and not so overtly. In fact, Saudi Arabia and Israel share intelligence, especially about Iran!

The poster in question, in a feeble attempt to blame Israel, used a term 'Azeri-Turk brothers' that could confuse people, as it seems to be referring to the population of Azerbaijan. The term Azeri-Turk refers to an Iranian ethnic group in the northwest of Iran. They do share a common ancestry with some Azerbaijani's, but do not represent the people of Azerbaijan.

So, it is my humble opinion that the poster is a device of Iranians who seek to drive a wedge between our people and the Armenian community.

What we can do is to thank the leadership of Burbank and the BHRC for bringing our communities together to fight Anti-Semitism and Anti-Armenian hate. Plus, let our Armenian neighbors and friends know that we would never condone any positive mention of the Armenian Genocide just as we would hate for anyone to speak positively of our own Genocide. We can explain that Iran is both our enemy and the enemy of Armenia as it strives and strikes out to conquer the world with its brand of Religio-Political Terrorism and will not stop at bold face lies to achieve its goals.

Please, if I personally am needed to speak to anyone about Israel or Middle East History or Politics, it was after all, my undergraduate major in college, please contact the Temple office so I can arrange a meeting with whomever needs to speak with me.

B'ahava and Sirov,

Rabbi Mark



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - May 2023

Last month we took a short trip to the Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina area. The occasion was my sister-in-law Sheila's 75th birthday. It was a bittersweet occasion as her husband, my oldest brother Don, passed away in September. Don and Sheila's daughter Debbie, her husband Steve, and their two children Avery and Hanna live in Durham. Their son Ari, his wife Allyson, and baby Hugo were down from upstate New York.



The trip was also an occasion to spend some time with my other brother Bob, and his wife Liz, who traveled from Florida for the occasion. His son Aaron, daughter-in-law Natalie, and two-year-old granddaughter Aubrey, had moved to the area a few months prior. The day before the birthday dinner just happened to be Bob's birthday, and we got to celebrate with him and his family as well. It was a wonderful opportunity to spend time with family. A bonus event was a visit to the area's mikvah for the completion of Hugo's conversion.

Bob and Liz recently moved, and during dinner one night he told us how being new in the community, he had called the local Reform congregation to see if they had a community Seder. They told him that they were all sold out, but maybe they could attend Shabbat services sometime. Apparently, they didn't even bother to take his name!

This really disturbed me. I know that when we were putting on a community Seder we sometimes reached the occupancy limit of our facility and the limit of our human resources, but we always tried to accommodate people. My mother always said, "You can always add another cup of water to the soup," and doesn't the Haggadah say, "Whoever is hungry, come and eat. Whoever is needy, come and celebrate Passover?"

I don't think this congregation meant to be dismissive, but it was a clumsy way to handle the situation. I know we at Temple Beth Emet have had our share of missteps dealing with new people who contact us. Given the fact that involvement in all religious institution, including synagogues, has been on the decline, it is important that each person who shows an interest in participating is embraced with open arms. It is called "welcoming the stranger" and there are several basic strategies involved. The first involves lowering barriers, making it easier for the newcomer to tip their toe past the threshold. For synagogues, this includes being careful using Hebrew terms a newcomer may not be familiar with -- for example, saying "Friday Night Services" instead of *Kabbalat Shabbat* (welcoming the Sabbath). It also involves collecting contact information and following up with people. Barbara Bolter, of blessed memory, was a master at that! Also important is for all of us to take note of new people in our midst, introducing ourselves and showing them how glad we are to meet them.

We have a few months before the return of the High Holidays, when we always have people checking us out, looking for a religious school, a synagogue to join, or just a place to for High Holiday services. That is plenty of time for all of us to hone our welcoming skills! We are all members of the Welcoming Committee. Each of us can show just how true it is that we are "The Temple With a Heart."

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



May Birthdays

Wesley Brody	May 2
Marla Goldberg	May 4
Jodessa Bayer	May 7
Dave Wertlieb	May 9
Sarah Watnick	May 13
Sadie Gallagher	May 15
Kevin Colton	May 19
Erica Bolotsky	May 23

May Anniversaries

Susie & Phil Berman	May 6
Philip Wolfson & Agnes Bertiz	May 26
Brian & Andrea McKinnon	May 30



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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!



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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PREFERRED PHONE _____

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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:

May 31, 2023 - 7:00PM to 8:30 PM at Temple and on Zoom

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

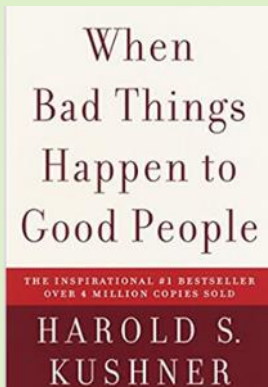
Meeting ID: 884 2234 8913 Passcode: 388498

Dial in Phone Numbers:

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What book will we be reading?

When Bad Things Happen to Good People by Harold S. Kushner



Synopsis:

When Harold Kushner's three-year-old son was diagnosed with a degenerative disease that meant the boy would only live until his early teens, he was faced with one of life's most difficult questions: Why, God? Years later, Rabbi Kushner wrote this straightforward, elegant contemplation of the doubts and fears that arise when tragedy strikes. In these pages, Kushner shares his wisdom as a rabbi, a parent, a reader, and a human being. Often imitated but never superseded, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* is a classic that offers clear thinking and consolation in times of sorrow.

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

Marcia Jackman in memory of Evelyn Jackman
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An Invitation From Our Friends At TBEE



Rosh Chodesh (New Moon) Sivan Women's Circle

Come celebrate our first In-person Rosh Chodesh Circle since 2019!
The spiritual theme of Sivan in the Hebrew calendar is the art of receiving.
Be inspired by co-leaders: Kohenet Miki Raver, Executive Director Dev Brous and Spiritual Medium Orly Altaras.

Connect with your inner wisdom, deepen your intuition, dance, nosh, and share the company of our extraordinary community.

This New Moon circle inaugurates an experiment in monthly, peer-led, Well Circle leadership at BTEE, drawing upon the wealth of women leaders in our community, supported by Miki and Dev as coaches, and additional resources from At The Well.

Thursday May 18th
7:00- 9:00 pm

Burbank Temple Emanu-El
1302 N Glenoaks Blvd, Burbank, CA 91504

RSVP

818 945-1734

AT THE WELL



May Yahrzeits

NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:	NAME	REMEMBERED BY:	DATE:
At Temple May 5, 2023			At Temple May 19, 2023		
Jerry Trott	Dianne Bender	May 1	Evelyn Jackman	Marcia Jackman	May 16
Ruth Friedman	Linda Mazur	May 1	Isak Korenstein	Janet Petroff	May 18
Milton Eliasoff	Susan Fields	May 1	Louis Altman	Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel	May 19
Ernest Abdo	Vicki Margolin	May 2	Helen Pappert	Marilyn Pappert	May 20
Louis Altman	Rabbi Mark Sobel	May 3			
Esther Shagan Klien	Cheryl Mundon	May 3	At Temple May 26, 2023		
Alex Krone	Harriet Winnick	May 8	Abe Kranitz	Ian Kranitz	May 21
Beatrice Manners	Susie Manners	May 5	Adele Abdo	Vicki Margolin	May 26
Morris Silber	Jack & Linda Kranz	May 5	Marc Goldwater	Terry & Helen Goldwater	May 27
John Eisinger	Congregation	May 6			
At Temple May 12, 2023			At Temple June 2, 2023		
Minnie Rutkovsky	Martin Bibicoff	May 7	Eleanor Nemzer Marlin	Dorothy Matzkin	May 28
Morris Tenney	Amy Belilove	May 8	Saul Weisman	Diane Weisman	May 29
Alfred Ascherman	Hannah Cline	May 8	Betty Kapson	Pat Bigley	May 30
Anna Nudell	Mayer Nudell	May 10			



CREATE A LASTING LEGACY







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/>



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 7:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	3 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	4	5 6:00 PM Pizza Night 7:00PM Shabbat Services 	6
7 9:00 AM - Noon Religious School Lag BaOmer Program	8	9  Lag BaOmer	10 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	11	12 7:00PM Shabbat Services	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Chai Times Submissions Due</div>
14 9:00 AM - Noon Religious School Final Session  Mother's Day	15	16	17 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	18	19 7:00PM Shabbat Services	20
21	22	23	24 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom	25 Erev Shavuot	26 7:00PM Shabbat Services Yizkor 	27 Shavuot II
28	29  Memorial Day	30	31 12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom 7:00 PM - Book Club 			

Coming in June: *Lunch With the Rabbi* - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom - *Shababt Services* - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.
 Friday, June 2- 6:00 PM - Pizza Night - Saturday, June 3 - 10:00 AM - Kenley Miller - Bat Mitzvah
 Tuesday, June 6 - 7:00 PM - Annual Membership Meeting and Elections - Wednesday- June 28 - 7:00 PM - Book Club



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please take notice that in accordance with the By-Laws of Temple Beth Emet of Burbank, the Annual Meeting of the membership will take place on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Temple.

All members are encouraged to attend.
Nominated Slate of Officers for 2023—2024 Term

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of Officers and Directors of Temple Beth Emet for the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 term:

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|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| President: | Ira Goldstein | Directors: | Donna Diamond |
| Vice President: | Ken Watnick | | Barbara Harmon |
| Secretary: | Melissa Potter | | Herbert Murez |
| Treasurer: | Eileen Martin | | Theda Salazar |
| | | | Felicia Van Dyk |

Additional nominations will be taken from the floor, however any person nominated must be available either in attendance or by phone to accept nomination. Members may nominate themselves. All members in good standing are entitled to vote at the election of Officers and Directors.