

July 2023



# Chai Times

## Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

*"The Temple With A Heart"*

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**“To Love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides” (David Viscott).**

Recently, Jonathan Kramer, Rabbi Kramer’s eldest son visited us at Friday Night Shabbat Services. We hugged and reminisced and at the Oneg Shabbat he spoke about Rabbi Kramer’s love for our Temple. Jonathan’s sentiments brought a flood of memories to my mind.

One was when I was just starting out as Educational Director and I knew Rabbi was still in charge of the Temple, so I asked him, “If I have a problem with the school, should I ask you what to do?”

He replied, “You pay me the respect to ask my opinion and then do whatever THE HELL (his exact words) you need to do!”

I said this at his funeral and the audience became totally silent! And then people laughed! That was Rabbi Kramer, totally honest!

Don’t misunderstand! Rabbi Kramer and I didn’t always see eye to eye. The V’ahvta commands us to love and love isn’t always joyful. And there was and will always be love between Rabbi and me. Rabbi’s relationship with the congregation and its leadership was at times stormy. Toward the end of his time here, he told me that it was sad that his supporters had remained steadfast in their ways when he had progressed! He was always progressive!

After Rabbi left Temple Beth Emet, he started his Cyber congregation. When our Congregation wanted to lead a Friday night



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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 7)

**TEMPLE BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 - 7:00 PM

(Zoom link on our website)

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Shabbat Services - July 14, 2023 - 7:00 PM



**BOOK CLUB**

**Genesis 1948** by Dan Kurzman

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 - 7:00 PM

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**HOLLYWOOD BOWL**

**TICKETS ARE HERE**

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Robyn Kreisberg

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

### 2023/24 Officers and Directors

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Monday - Thursday - 9:30 AM to 12:30 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*

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](http://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](mailto: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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Shabbat service at the Autry museum coinciding with the first “Jews of the West” exhibit there, negotiations, where we could view the exhibit after the service, broke down until one of the Directors discovered we were the congregation of Rabbi William Kramer, of cyberspace fame. After services, we were afforded a special tour. There is a picture in my study of Rabbi Kramer and myself leading the service. I am in my robe and he is the ‘Old Prospector”

But, one of my most poignant memories of Rabbi Kramer centers on him, the congregation and July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1986.

As of July 1, it will be 37 years I am with the Temple. In fact, July 4<sup>th</sup>, of 1986, was to be my first Friday night on the pulpit. I had heard that Rabbi Kramer’s father had died that morning and that the funeral would be on Monday So, I was a bit surprised when he walked and told me he would lead services. I didn’t ask why, but he volunteered, “Excuse me for taking over, but I need to be where I am loved. This is the place!”

I have always remembered that sentiment! In fact, Rabbi advised me about my drashes, “Always treat the congregation with love.”

Rabbi was a larger than life character. A rabbi, a professor, a lawyer, an actor, an architect. Someone who always was his own person! His memorial plaque at Hillside says, “A Life Well Lived”! How true!

Yet he knew how loved he was and at that moment of mourning how dependent upon Temple Beth Emet’s love he was.

I, too, know, how loved I am in all the myriad of shapes and sizes the congregation presents, and how, when I need I can rely on the congregation to show me love!

B’ahava and Happy Independence Day,  
Rabbi Mark





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - July 2023

**Gee but it's great to be back home  
Home is where I want to be.  
I've been on the road so long my friend,  
And if you came along  
I know you couldn't disagree.**

*Keep the Customer Satisfied, Simon and Garfunkle (Two nice Jewish boys.)*



It started off as just a conference in Baltimore toward the end of June. Although retired from teaching, Diane continues to be active in her professional organization. National conferences give her the opportunity to stay up-to-date, meet new people, and stay in touch with others. I go along and sightsee while she is in conference and we make it a vacation. Since we were going to be so close, we decided to add a few days in Washington, D.C.

Then came an email from one of my cousins. They were putting together a reunion in Chattanooga mid-June and so it seemed perfect to extend the trip a few days to spend time with family. We would fly into Atlanta and drive to the reunion. Of course as long as we were in Atlanta, we could drive down to Columbus, Georgia to see a couple of Diane's former students who are married. And lo and behold, another of Diane's former students was going to be in D.C. with her husband and toddler. But guess what, the reunion ended up being days earlier than originally planned! The trip exploded to two and a half weeks, six take-offs and landings, five states and D.C., five hotels, four two-hour drives, two car rentals, and more spent on parking than I'd like to think about.

Chattanooga was a wonderful experience. Almost all of my first cousins attended, as did my late brother's wife. My other brother was unfortunately unable to attend. One cousin brought out a photo album and I got to see pictures of my step-grandfather (although the word "step" is never used inside the family). Another cousin had put together a video photo montage. I was able to share my parents' home movies of a 1966 family gathering in Memphis, the town of origin of my family on my father's side.

After returning to Atlanta, we drove down to visit Diane's former students. We arrived just after power in their neighborhood went out. This resulted in a change of dinner menu, but we had a nice visit, and sat and watched one of the many rain storms that punctuated our trip.

Next on to D.C. where we discovered the real reason Diane's student and family were there -- she was near term with their second child. Her husband is with the State Department and they are stationed in Honduras, so they returned to avail themselves to better medical care for her higher-risk pregnancy and delivery.

Pushing on to Baltimore. Believe it or not, we took a tour arranged by the conference to (get this) Washington, D.C. Then the conference began in earnest, and I visited Fort McHenry and Edgar Allan Poe's grave. But by then physical and mental fatigue were encroaching, and Diane and I were both saying "I'm ready to go home." It was while in Baltimore that we learned of our dear Herb Murez's passing, just a few days prior to his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and party.

Whatever your summer plans include, whether travel or staying put, may your pursuits be rewarding, fun, safe, and copacetic. And may it always be great to be back home.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Independence Day.

IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President



### July Birthdays

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Alan Langer     | July 3  |
| Irene Bobrowsky | July 4  |
| Joel Lava       | July 4  |
| Sarah Lava      | July 5  |
| Finn Lava       | July 6  |
| Tracy Martin    | July 15 |
| Ezra Bergstein  | July 21 |
| Philip Wolfson  | July 25 |

### July Anniversaries

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Dan Werner & Flora Werner-Mendoza | July 20 |
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**FROM THE SISTERHOOD TREASURER - Eileen Martin**

The Sisterhood is taking a well-deserved vacation! We will be on hiatus during the summer. We look forward to resuming activities in the fall.



***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

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

**When:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88422348913?pwd=V1OrY1ZYV05VYzdNejJoK0VCcHUxZz09>

Meeting ID: 884 2234 8913 Passcode: 388498

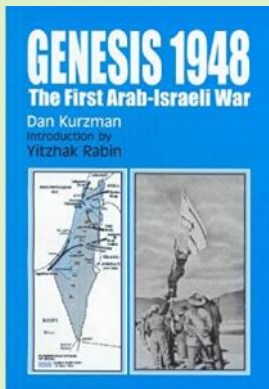
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**What book will we be reading?**

**Genesis 1948, by Dan Kurzman**

**Synopsis:**



This book tells the full story of the first Arab-Israeli war and the birth of the State of Israel. Based largely on some 1000 interviews with participants of all nations, it describes the important military and diplomatic events of that epic war - from the struggle between Truman and Dean Rusk to the fall of Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter; from the Irgun-Stern Gang massacre at Deir Yassin to the ambush of a Hadassah hospital convoy; from the clandestine operations of the Jewish underground in the US to the secret negotiations between Jordan's King Abdullah and Moshe Dayan. Here are anecdotes and glimpses of great figures such as Weizmann, Ben-Gurion, Dayan, Abba Eban, Abdullah, Glubb Pasha, Ralph Bunche, and Nasser, and of the ordinary people who did the fighting; concentration-camp survivors, Sabras, foreign volunteers, and Arabs from throughout the Middle East. Here are all the major and minor participants and events of the great conflict that set the stage for and is crucial to the understanding of the present-day Israeli nation. Book is available from Amazon and others in both print and e-book formats.

## *Zoom Information for Shabbat Services*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88306033879?pwd=dFMxWlBIY09SNUVqSzAycUp0RjZRdz09>

Meeting ID: 883 0603 3879

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# Yahrzeits - Honoring the Memory of Loved Ones

## JULY YAHRZEITS

| Name:                          | Remembered by:           | Date:   | Name:                           | Remembered by:                        | Date:    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>At Temple July 7, 2023</b>  |                          |         | <b>At Temple July 21, 2023</b>  |                                       |          |
| Samuel Sillman                 | Lois Jones               | July 2  | Leonard Kravetz                 | Iris Abrams                           | July 16  |
| Maxwell Somerfield             | Ellie Somerfield         | July 3  | Jesse Alexander                 | Adrienne Zahler                       | July 20  |
| Ruth Feinstein                 | Joel & Harriet Feinstein | July 4  | Abe Goldstein                   | Ira Goldstein & Diane Lewis-Goldstein | July 22  |
| James Porter                   | David Gross              | July 5  |                                 |                                       |          |
| Gustave Haberfeld              | Lila Tepper              | July 5  |                                 | <b>At Temple July 28, 2023</b>        |          |
| Maria Elena Nudell             | Mayer Nudell             | July 7  | Phillip J. Freeman              | Judy Robins                           | July 23  |
|                                |                          |         | Morris Rothman                  | The Congregation                      | July 26  |
| <b>At Temple July 14, 2023</b> |                          |         | <b>At Temple August 4, 2023</b> |                                       |          |
| Morris Lubow                   | The Congregation         | July 12 |                                 |                                       |          |
| Barbara Ackerman               | The Congregation         | July 14 | Lynette Nord                    | Rabbi Mark & Mina Sobel               | July 30  |
| Betty Marco                    | Jerry & Tzipy Dash       | July 14 | Sidney Karchmer                 | Sylvia Schuster & Linda Mazur         | July 31  |
| Barbara Golper                 | Peter & Tammy Golper     | July 14 | Helen Segal                     | Naomi Aronoff                         | August 1 |
| Dee Segall                     | The Congregation         | July 14 |                                 |                                       |          |
| Sylvia Aronson                 | The Congregation         | July 15 |                                 |                                       |          |



## Yahrzeit Donations

### Yahrzeit Donations

*Peter Golper in memory of Barbara Golper*

*Fred Kubik in memory of Toni Becker*

### In Memoriam Donations

*Melisa Potter in memory of Herb Murez*

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# HOLLYWOOD BOWL 2023

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**No charge for tickets, donation requested.**

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*Take picnic dinner and maybe a bottle of wine (or two) for a wonderful evening with friends.*

### **Thursday, July 13 Ellington and Gershwin with Dudamel**

8:00 pm Gustavo Dudamel leads the Los Angeles Philharmonic in this celebration of symphonic jazz, and Tony- and Grammy Award-winning singer Patina Miller lends her voice to songs by Ellington, Gershwin, and others from the Great American Songbook.

### **Tuesday, July 25 Rhapsody in Blue**

8:00 pm National Medal of Arts awardee Leonard Slatkin leads the LA Phil in a program that includes CINDY McTEE *Timepiece*, GERSHWIN *Rhapsody in Blue*, and DVOŘÁK *Symphony No. 9, "From the New World"*

### **Tuesday, Aug. 29 BEETHOVEN AT THE BOWL**

8:00 pm Two Beethoven favorites add up to a perfect night out at the Bowl. Violinist Clara-Jumi Kang performs Beethoven's transcendent *Violin Concerto*. The Italian-Brazilian conductor Simone Menezes leads the Los Angeles Philharmonic in *Symphony No. 3 "Eroica"*.


### **Thursday, August 31 The Four Seasons**

8:00 pm The LA Phil's First Associate Concertmaster Gemma New leads the orchestra in Tchaikovsky's own interpretation of the seasons as well as a work by Jessie Montgomery that was inspired Vivaldi, concluding with Vivaldi's masterwork, the *Four Seasons*.

**PLEASE NOTE: TICKETS ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED THIS SEASON  
DUE TO CHANGES IN THE COMMUNITY CONCERT CONNECTION PROGRAM!**

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                                  | THURSDAY | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|--------|--------|---|--|----------|---|--|
| 2      | 3      | 4<br><br><i>Independence Day</i> | 5  | 6        | 7   | 1<br>8   |
| 9      | 10     | 11<br>7:00 PM<br>Temple Board Meeting   | 12<br>12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom | 13       | 14<br>7:00PM<br>Shabbat Services<br>Temple Installation | 15<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Chai Times Submissions Due</div> |
| 16     | 17     | 18  | 19<br>12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom | 20       | 21<br>7:00PM<br>Shabbat Services                        | 22   |
| 23     | 24     | 25  | 26<br>12:00 - Lunch with the Rabbi on Zoom | 27       | 28<br>7:00PM<br>Shabbat Services                        | 29   |
| 30     | 31     |   |  |          |   |  |

Coming in July: *Lunch With the Rabbi* - Every Wednesday at Noon via Zoom - *Shababt Services* - Every Friday at 7:00 PM.  
 Tuesday, August 1 - Board Meeting - Wednesday- August 23 - 7:00 PM - Book Club  
 Open House Dates To Be Announced



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*It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of long time Temple member and Temple director  
**Herb Murez**  
just a few days shy of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. May his memory be a blessing.*

***OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2023 - 2024***

**PRESIDENT:** Ira L. Goldstein  
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**SECRETARY:** Melissa Potter

**DIRECTORS:**  
Donna Diamond                      Theida Salazar  
Barbara Harmon                      Felicia van Dyk

Due to the passing of Herb Murez, there is an open Directorship.

*Join us for Installation Shabbat on July 14, 2023.*